



# THLA NEWS

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## THLA Annual Holiday Party

Thursday, December 16, 1999  
6:00 p.m.

Try something different this year and join your colleagues in *Tanja*, an exotic, intimate Moroccan lounge, "alive with mystic ambience from its sumptuous seating & tiled walls"

Part of the *Government/Warehouse*  
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132 Queen's Quay East

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\$15 for members at the door ; \$12 for students  
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RSVP to Anne Taylor-Vaisey by December 10

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*Tanja* is located on the north side of Queen's Quay at Jarvis. Enter through *Charlies*, across from Loblaws. *Tanja* is accessible by public transportation. Take the Harbourfront LRT to Queen's Quay & walk east, or take the Bay #6 bus from Bay St. or Union Station, or the Sherbourne #75 bus from the Sherbourne Street station. If you're driving, ample parking is available across from the Government.

Questions? Call Anne T-V!

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Happy Y2K to all!





## President's Message

**G**REETINGS THLAERS! I have just come from a meeting with Faculty of Information Studies (FIS) students who were interested in hearing a bit about THLA and how it works. Listening to representatives from CASLIS (Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services), SLA (Special Libraries Association), and the local branch of ARMA (American Records Management Association) gave me an opportunity to consider how really different THLA is for our members than many other 'information professional' groups.

Yes, we are more concerned with 'health' issues than other organizations but it is becoming quite common for our users to expect us to be able to answer non-health reference questions too. Yes, we may be smaller than other organizations but that gives us more intimacy. Yes, many of our members are located in hospitals that support and rely on the U of T health library services in one form or another but that also can give us an strong edge in academia. Yes, our members provide knowledge management and support professional liaison for very specific organizations like the Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE) in Toronto or the Consumer Health Information Service at the Metro Reference Public Library or the Purdue Frederick Pharmaceutical Company or the McCarthy Tetrault law firm who need the specialized skills of a 'health librarian' just to name a few. Perhaps our members provide SDI services privately but whatever we do as health information specialists we should be proud of the fact that our commonality allows for an intimacy and comradeship that is our own and supports a growing array special health library settings!

### Library Feature



It is with our uniqueness in mind that THLA News will be re-launching a feature that will highlight a member's special library services in upcoming issues. It is time we share the joys and perhaps some of the frustrations in delivering on our commitment to 'health information' with each other. I invite each member to submit a report on their role within their own organization or allow our roving reporter and assistant editor (otherwise known as the intrepid 'Liz Groskorth' this year) to interview you for the special series.

### Web "Presents"

More good news! CHLA has offered space on their server to support a THLA website and with the uniquely talented Sylvia Ho (U of T FIS student) we are very close to 'making it so.' You should also know that Susanne Baker, president of the Toronto Chapter of SLA, has also offered to provide a link from their website to ours and this is truly a most welcome gesture. Thanks, Susanne!

### "Net Explorations a Successful Event"

The overwhelming response (61 replies) to the 'Net Explorations' Workshop was surprising yet exhilarating and although we were only able to accommodate 18 the feedback provided by attendees was very helpful to Dr. Evans and myself. Support for another iteration of this workshop looks very promising and it will also be offered in Vancouver in May. I would like to remind you once again that the Canadian Health Libraries Association (CHLA) and the Medical Library Association (MLA) are jointly sponsoring one of the largest gatherings of 'health information specialists' in North America in Vancouver next May. What an excellent opportunity to network into the new millennium and do it in a most favorable Canadian locale! I urge you to gather any and all CE support you can muster to attend this event. It promises to be unforgettable with Canada's own David Suzuki as a featured speaker and loads of CE opportunities.

### Holiday Party Reminder

Just a reminder that our enthusiastic president-elect, Anne Taylor-Vaisey, has secured a lovely new venue for our holiday party December 16<sup>th</sup> and it promises to be an exciting event (see announcement page 1). Current CHLA president, Liz Bayley, has promised to be in attendance at our holiday event this year and would love to hear your thoughts face-to-face. So mark December 16<sup>th</sup> 1999 on your calendar right away!

Happy  
Holidays



## Faces & Places

### New Faces

#### Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College New Library Director: Lori Anne Oja

Lori Anne Oja graduated from SLIS at the University of Western Ontario in 1992. Since then, she has worked primarily in a Corporate Library and Information Services environment, working for companies such as Imperial Oil Ltd, Noranda Inc and CGI Group. Her activities have included Systems Librarian, Document management consulting, knowledge systems and Intranet development.

As Director of the C.C. Clemmer Health Sciences Library, Lori Anne hopes to use her previous experiences to develop a dynamic web presence for the Library and to expand traditional library services to meet the evolving information needs of College and its alumni.

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### Staff Changes at the Consumer Health Information Service

**Marietta Forster-Haberer** has relocated in Waterloo and has accepted a position at the Kitchener Public Library. She will assume responsibility for the development of the library's new Consumer Health Information Service.

**Rona Lang** has accepted a position as Coordinator of patient resource centres at Princess Margaret Hospital.

**Shona Lam** has relocated in Vancouver and is working at the Vancouver Public Library.

#### CHIS Web Address changes as well:

<http://www.tpl.toronto.on.ca/TRL/centres/chis/index.html>

## Continuing Education/ Upcoming Events

### Faculty of Information Studies University of Toronto

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[www.fis.utoronto.ca/conted](http://www.fis.utoronto.ca/conted). Price range: \$100 - \$595.  
Discount for early registration.

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| Nov. 19          | Creating Web Documents, Part II:<br>Design and Functionality                |
| Nov. 19          | Micrographics and Imaging   |
| Nov. 26          | Finding Statistics Around the World   |
| Dec. 3           | Electronic Records  |
| Dec. 3           | Records Management Basic Level<br>Certificate Exam                          |
| Dec. 6 - Jan. 24 | Family History Center of the Church of<br>Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints |

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### Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine

#### Library Open House & Book Launch

Wednesday, November 24, 1999  
7:00 - 9:00pm

The Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine  
1255 Sheppard Avenue East  
North York, Ontario  
M2K 1E2  
[www.ccnm.edu](http://www.ccnm.edu)

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### Consumer Health Information Service (CHIS) Toronto Reference Library EDUCATIONAL HEALTH PRESENTATIONS JANUARY 2000 \* MARCH 2000

**Date:** Wednesday, January 19/2000

**Time:** 6:30-7:30

**Topic:** The Candida Connection \* Fact or Fiction?

Candida is a yeast commonly found in food and in the environment, which can cause infections in nails, skin, lungs etc. However, whether or not it can cause health problems such as chronic fatigue syndrome, depression, and premenstrual syndrome in some individuals is a hotly debated topic.

**Speaker:** Dr. Aileen Burford-Mason, B.Sc. University College Dublin, Ireland, Ph.D. University of Hertfordshire, UK, Post-graduate Certificate of Education, Cambridge Institute of Education, UK.



## More Upcoming Events

**Date:** Wednesday, February 16/2000

**Time:** 6:30-7:30

**Topic:** Healthy Breasts Throughout a Lifetime

This educational session delivered by nurse clinician Linda Muraca and registered dietitian Fran Berkoff focuses on various aspects of breast health. Specifically, the talk will address how to manage your breast cancer risks, common concerns about the breast, de-mystifying breast cancer statistics, nutritional information to promote breast health, information on screening methods, and finally, an opportunity to learn the proper way to do Breast Self-Examination using patented breast models with simulated pumps (time permitting).

**Speakers:** Linda Muraca RN, BA, BScN, Mammacare Associate

Fran Berkoff RD is a nutritional columnist for The Toronto Sun

**Date:** Wednesday, March 29/2000

**Time:** 6:30-7:30

**Topic:** Healthy Eating to Reduce your Risk of Cancer

This session led by Pauline Wisdom-Gilliam will focus on the relationship between foods and cancer risk reduction. Topics covered include plant foods, fat intake, fibre, antioxidants and phytonutrients.

**Speaker:** Pauline Wisdom-Gilliam RD

### THLA/Consortium Union List

The new 13<sup>th</sup> edition (1999) of the Union List is now available. The pricing is as follows:

- Union List Contributors:.....\$25/copy
  - Non-contributing THLA  
or Consortium members:.....\$75/copy
  - Non-members of THLA or Consortium: .....\$140/copy
- NB: GST is NOT applicable.

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Please be sure to check out the new filing rules and codes for libraries!

## MLA/CHLA-ABSC Conference

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

**May 25-29, 2000**

**Vancouver, British Columbia**

A few of the reasons why you should go:

- Attend the first-ever joint MLA/CHLA-ABSC meeting
- Sharing ideas across international borders
- More posters, more papers, more social events!

Register by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2000 to avoid the late registration fee.

For full programme details, registration forms and other information, visit the MLA or CHLA/ABSC web sites:

[www.mlanet.org/am/am2000/index.html](http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2000/index.html)

[www.med.mun.ca/chla/english](http://www.med.mun.ca/chla/english)

*The THLA hopes there will be strong representation from both the THLA and CHLA/ABSC members at this joint conference!*

## Upcoming Conferences

**ALA Midwinter Conference**

January 14-19, 2000

San Antonio, Texas

[www.ala.org/events/](http://www.ala.org/events/)

**SLA Winter 2000 Conference**

January 20-22, 2000

St. Louis Marriott Pavilion

St. Louis, Missouri

[www.sla.org/conf/](http://www.sla.org/conf/)

**OLA Super Conference 2000**

February 3-5, 2000

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Toronto, Ontario

[www.accessola.org](http://www.accessola.org)

**MLA/CHLA Joint Annual Conference**

*Demystifying the Dragon*

May 5-11, 2000

Vancouver, British Columbia

[www.mlanet.org/am/am2000/index.html](http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2000/index.html)

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## THLA 1999 Events

Dec 16, 1999 Holiday Party, details see page 1.

May 18, 2000 Annual THLA Dinner, details to follow.

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**All the best for the New Millennium!**



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