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Editors' Corner

THLA's new year is in full swing now; the first meeting of the year, which consisted of a presentation on personal money management by Kim Ball of the Women's Financial Planning Centre provided much food for thought, as did the November 12 screening of "Not a Love Story". Both themes provide an indication of the wide concerns of Toronto area health librarians.

We are now looking forward to the annual Christmas Party, which this year promises to be more fun than ever with the addition of live music. Bev Brown provides details further on in this issue. So keep December 10th in mind as you plan your festivities of the season.

The nice thing about growing is that it provides the opportunity to meet new people; one of the problems is that getting to all those people can become a logistical problem. THLA has grown considerably in the past year or so and we understand that a number of you did not receive your Newsletters last month. If you were one of those lost and abandoned souls, we do apologize and assure you that it should not happen again. If you do move, or know someone else who has, please keep us informed so that you continue to

receive all the information about your fellow members.

Finally, we would like to draw your attention to the various interest groups which are forming within the library community. The "In the Lobby" section in this issue describes some of the groups which have differing special interests but share a common goal: a commitment to providing good service as health librarians. The President's Message contains some further information on interest groups and their relationship to THLA.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Some of you may have noticed in David Crawford's column in the BMC, Vol. 6, No. 2, a reference to the fact that CHLA's total membership in 1977 was 144. Today the membership in THLA alone is very nearly equal to that number and is still growing.

The current list of paid-up members attests to the enthusiasm and devotion of the Toronto area health libraries and indicates a real interest in furthering the

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objectives of the Association. There are, however, pitfalls inherent in expansion and some of us have sensed what is probably a certain inevitable fragmentation among members whose interests and work environments vary enormously despite the health connection.

One way in which the earlier cohesiveness of the group might be regained is through the establishment of special interest groups under the umbrella of THLA. At the last General Meeting I mentioned the meetings that have taken place among people who work in libraries devoted to the disabled and rehabilitation. On November 13 another group comprising hospital librarians interested in the subject of quality assurance met at the Science and Medicine Library, University of Toronto (see "In the Lobby", this issue). At that meeting I circulated for discussion tentative terms of reference for special interest groups within THLA and these have since been sent to members of the THLA Executive for their approval. They will be published in a future issue of THLA NEWS.

I would very much like to hear from any of you who might have other ideas on the direction THLA should be taking. In a future issue of the NEWS we will be publishing the terms of reference for all of the positions on the THLA Executive in the hope that many of you will be encouraged to run for office and that we will be overwhelmed with nominations for 1985-6 year! Thank you for your continuing interest.

JAN GREENWOOD

INSIDE CIRCUIT

* CHRISTMAS PARTY *

Date: Monday, December 10, 1984
(not December 17, as your President-Elect incorrectly listed in the October NEWS)

Place: Ontario Cancer Institute
Staff House, 2 Wellesley
Place (north of Wellesley
between Jarvis and Sher-
bourne Streets)

Plan to share the fun and festivities with us. Musical entertainment will be provided by The Traverston Band who will play seasonal music, flavoured with a few lively fiddle tunes. Tickets, which will be available at the door for \$5.00, will include the cost of the dinner, a glass of wine and a chance on the door prizes, foremost of which is a free ticket to our Annual Dinner Meeting in May. Plan on arriving any time after 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: R.S.V.P. by December 5 to Bev Brown at the Library, Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College 482-2340, ext. 160.

JANUARY MEETING PREVIEW

Please set aside January 28, 1985 for our Micromedia seminar on Dialog services, in particular Knowledge Index, a general coverage database designed for the non-professional searcher. The meeting will be held in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Lecture Theatre. Further details will follow in the January NEWS.

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I have recently received suggestions for a future programme and an offer to host a meeting. As programme planner, I am buoyed by the interest being shown in our Association and always grateful for suggestions from members.

In particular, I would appreciate comments from members on the feasibility of holding the March meeting outside Metro Toronto, arranging transportation if necessary by bus or car pool. The Executive is conscious of its mandate to serve members equally in Toronto and the surrounding area. This is also a way to show our support to members who travel from the suburbs and beyond, often in unpleasant weather, to attend THLA functions.

BEV BROWN

THLA Membership

A new THLA Membership Form has recently been devised. Anyone wishing to obtain a copy to pass on to potential new members can do so by calling any member of the Executive.

THLA Union List Revision Procedures

The 52 cooperating libraries are receiving with this issue the "Union List Revision Procedures" which were previously sent in May 1984. This is another reminder to update your holdings now and keep recording any changes as they occur so that you will be ready to send in your revisions in early 1985.

If you have any new titles that you think are particularly noteworthy,

please send them along to the THLA NEWS editors. This could become a regular feature to inform members of important periodical titles that are received between editions of the Union List.

THLA Union List

With the publication of the 4th edition of the Union List in May, the Union List Task Force has been disbanded. Once again, I would like to thank Madeleine Adorian, Edna Allen, Barbara Brooks, Jan Greenwood, Elizabeth Reid and Margaret Robins. No one anticipated the two year commitment (least of all myself) and there were times when it seemed that we would never see the end of this momentous undertaking.

I would like to welcome Eleanor Hayes from Mount Sinai Hospital who will serve with me on the newly-activated Union List Committee. This committee will be composed of two THLA members who will overlap from one edition to the next, i.e. Eleanor and I will produce the 5th edition of the List and during this year someone will be needed to work with Eleanor on the 6th edition in 1986, etc.

Sales for the 4th edition of the Union List have peaked - 114 copies have been sold and there were 6 complimentary copies (2 for deposit at the National Library, 2 for deposit at the Library of Congress, 1 for Stanford Berman who allowed reprinting of the introductory piece on periodicals, and 1 for Dr. Fillery).

Approximately 33 non-THLA members purchased our union list: about half were from Toronto and environs,

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while the others were from locations such as Ottawa, Montreal, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Sault Ste. Marie, London, Waterloo and Kingston. The Canadian Health Libraries Association (CHLA) Conference in June definitely accounted for the latter trend, as we did not actively advertise to non-Toronto libraries by mail. In addition to THLA members, order forms were sent to approximately 50 hospital, academic, government, business and other special libraries. Thanks go to Elizabeth Reid for helping me compile the list of target libraries. If any cooperating library feels that they are receiving an unreasonable increase in interlibrary loans requests (particularly from non-Toronto locations), please inform the Union List Committee.

SUSAN MURRAY

NEWS FLASH

The Faculty of Dentistry Library has some new phone numbers:
Circulation - 979-4560;
Interlibrary Loan - 979-4559;
Susan Godard - 979-4371; and
Susan Murray - 979-4372.

The RAO Library now has a library assistant working 4 days per week; requests for interlibrary loans should be directed to Jackie Bassel at 923-3523 ext. 16, Tues. through Fri.; Mary Boite's ext. is still 15.

* CORRECTIONS * and apologies for the mistakes in last issue's "Continuing Education" section: NOMP stands for Northwestern Ontario Medical Programme; and Dorothy Fitzgerald is at the Health Sciences Library, McMaster University, not the University of Western Ontario, as was printed.

FACES & PLACES

Thanks to Madeleine Grant for sending in information about another athlete in our midst: CHRISTINE CARON competed in the September 30th Toronto International Marathon, finishing in a time of 3 hours, 21 minutes. Christine is a THLA member who works part-time at the Crane Library with Madeleine, and part-time at George Brown College Library. Congratulations!

Our next bit of news is a sad note: One of our members, Mrs. HELEN ARMSTRONG from the Ross Memorial Hospital Library in Lindsay, recently passed away. The new librarian there is NORMA DICKERSON.

CONFERENCE TROTTING

Bev Brown attended the Ontario Library Association Annual Conference in Ottawa which was held October 25-28, 1984. The conference theme was "Management, marketing and politics : new challenges - new trends".

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IN THE LOBBY

Libraries within organizations working on behalf of disabled people

THLA members may be interested to learn that a new libraries group has been formed in Toronto. The group was started in order to provide opportunities for interested individuals to share information and ideas about the operation of resource libraries within voluntary and other non-profit organizations working on behalf of disabled people.

Members include representatives from the Canadian Paraplegic Association, the March of Dimes, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled.

If you are interested in further information please do not hesitate to contact Diane Finkle, 787-4595 or Peter Bernauer at 422-5640.

Quality Assurance

A group of hospital librarians met on Tuesday, November 13th to discuss the subject of quality assurance. Two general areas were covered at this first meeting: the existing Canadian standards for hospital libraries (1975), and the new CCHA Standards for Accreditation of Canadian Health Care Facilities (containing for the first time a section on Quality Assurance Standards for Library Services). It is hoped that future meetings will be held using a working group format. Exact terms of reference and size of

group have not yet been confirmed.

ELIZABETH REID

Microcomputer Information Sharing Group

In the last issue of THLA NEWS we asked if anyone was interested in forming such a group. The response was enthusiastic enough to warrant an initial meeting to discuss the feasibility of forming a new interest group. There will be a short informal meeting before the Christmas Party on December 10th to discuss individual needs and a possible agenda (Meeting time: 5:30 p.m.).

R.S.V.P. to Rita Shaughnessy at 978-6467.

In talking to people about forming the group I have learned of the existence of two such groups. Here is a brief description of each.

Canadian Association for Information Science (C.A.I.S.) is a fairly large and well organized, high-tech oriented group. About half of the members are librarians. Meetings are held monthly and speakers are usually invited to present on a specific topic. Some previous topics have been electronic publishing, videotex technology, and introduction to expert systems. The next meeting will be in January and the subject is Relational Databases (includes d Base II). Meetings are free and open to anyone. Membership in C.A.I.S. is \$50.00.

For more information contact:

Maggie Weaver
C.I.L. House
90 Sheppard Ave. E.
North York (Tel.: 229-8047)

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Online Users Group

This is a small, informal, information sharing group. It is a special interest group within the Special Libraries Association (SLA). Meetings are held on an irregular basis and are open to anyone, regardless of membership in SLA. As its name suggests, the Group's focus is on online searching only.

For more information contact:

Rebecca Jones

Imperial Oil Library

111 St. Clair Ave. W.

Toronto M5W 1R3 (Tel.: 968-4866)

MARKET PLACE

Seeking Library Position

Dalhousie MLS 1979.

46 months medical association archives project including 5 months reference in academic health sciences library. 4 years academic library circulation student assistant on a computerized circulation system. Resume on request.

Contact: V. Svede, 20 Sandalwood Ave
Hamilton L8T 2E3
(Tel.: (416) 385-8816)