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Editors' Corner

As librarians, we can always tell when summer is coming to an end and the fall is approaching by those tell-tale little signs: students coming in droves to discover the wonders of the library resources (secretly hoping you will take pity on them and write the essay); warm weather, laid-back attitudes of clients replaced with "I need those books tomorrow!"; feet hurting from being squeezed back into shoes again for editors, it's time to get that first issue of the new year out and into members' hands.

You will be able to tell by reading this issue of the News, especially the President's Message and the line-up of programs scheduled by the President-Elect, that your Executive has not been sleeping during the summer. Further details of these events will be published at a later date.

If you are among the lucky members to receive this issue, it means that you heeded the requests in the May newsletter to renew your membership on time. Some of your colleagues may not have been so prompt; please, pass on the news that the News is out, and remind them to take the opportunity to attend the October meeting and renew their ties to THLA.



The decision was made at the June Executive meeting to send the THLA News by direct mail. It was felt that the increase in costs would be more than offset by the convenience and the assurance that the News would be received by everyone on the (more or less) same date - Canada Post being, we anxiously hope, slightly more reliable than HPI, government, and university systems have been in the past! In order to minimize the number of pieces of mail being sent out, newsletters will only go to a member's home address if no institution name was indicated. These changes should result in better and faster service to you.

We look forward to seeing as many people as possible at the first meeting, and to receiving your contributions to the next and future issues of the News.

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<u>Copy Deadline for</u>	<u>Issue</u>
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For those of you eager and willing to send in your news, we would like

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to remind you of the policies for submitting material to the News.

1. Deadlines for submission of copy will be printed in the first issue of each volume of the THLA News.
2. Submissions received after copy deadline will appear in the subsequent issue of the News.
3. Articles for publication in the newsletter should not exceed one typed page double-spaced or 250 words.
4. When inserts are to be mailed with the newsletter, sufficient copies must be supplied by the printing deadline. Note: Inserts must not exceed one double-sided page.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to extend a warm greeting to all members as the 1985-86 THLA year begins. I confess to the incoming president's usual trepidations, intensified in my case because I think I was ten years old when I last held the office of president (I was then known as the Chief Explorer, Explorers being a girls' organization akin to Brownies). Thus you may have some sense of my pleasure and relief in being able to share responsibilities with an Executive that is very energetic and supportive.

The year has already started at a quick tempo. Membership is swiftly matching that of last year, and the three special interest groups, including the newly named

Disability Resource Library Network, are planning full agendas.

The Supplement to the 4th edition of the THLA Union List of Periodicals was published in June. As this marked the point at which Susan Murray handed over the major editorial responsibilities of the union list to Eleanor Hayes, it is an opportune occasion to express to Susan, again, our deep appreciation for her work. The production of the union list has made a considerable contribution to the growth of the association. The publication of the 5th edition in early 1986 will continue that tradition.

As President-Elect, Catherine Pepper is very busy ensuring a varied and stimulating program for the year. Our first meeting in October offers us the opportunity to be better informed members of the public and better informed librarians. I am looking forward to seeing you then and to welcoming your comments and suggestions throughout the year.

INSIDE CIRCUIT

THLA FALL MEETING

Date: Monday, October 21, 1985

Place: Toronto Institute of Medical Technology Auditorium
222 St. Patrick St. (two blocks west of University, North of Dundas West; St. Patrick Subway Station)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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Topic: Emergency Services

Wendy Taylor, Co-ordinator will discuss the TGH Advanced Life Support Program; Lynda Baker from McMaster Health Sciences Library will talk on Online Searching for material on paramedic and emergency services.

The Presentations will be followed by coffee and informal tours of TIMT given by Patricia Fortin, TIMT librarian.

Note: R.S.V.P. by October 15/85 to Catherine Pepper at 947-7450.

Forthcoming Meetings, 1985-86

<u>Date & Location</u>	<u>Program</u>
Dec. 9/85 Staff House, Ontario Cancer Institute 2 Wellesley Pl.	Christmas Party - Food and Fun!!!
Feb. 4/86 Location TBA	TBA
Mar. 24/86 Location TBA	TBA
May 5/86 Location TBA	Annual dinner meeting

Please Note: All meetings take place on Monday evenings, with the exception of the February 4th meeting which is on a Tuesday, and all commence at 7:00 p.m. unless you are notified otherwise.

UNION LIST UPDATE

We are still accepting revisions, deletions, additions, etc., to the THLA Union List. Our deadline is October 21, 1985.

At this point we are prepared to accept the changes in any form.

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Proposed OHA Hospital Library Section

The Task Force for the Establishment of an OHA Section of Hospital Libraries has drafted a constitution, based on that of THLA, for discussion at the CHLA Board Meeting on October 5, 1985. It is hoped that CHLA will grant "Affiliate Group" status to this section to ensure that ties are maintained with the broad health library community. A province-wide meeting of invited hospital librarians is planned for December 5 and 6 at the OMA. Further details may be obtained from Jan Greenwood at 963-9383, ext. 230.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Changing Role of the Health Care Librarian is a one-day seminar sponsored by the Ontario Hospital Association which will take place at the OHA on Monday, Nov. 18. The theme for the day is Strategies for Success: Image and Outreach, and the instructors are Shelagh Dooley of the Management Institute in Hamilton; and Joanne Marshall, Librarian-Researcher, Continuing Medical Education, U of T. For further details please contact Educational Services, OHA, at 429-2661.

INTEREST GROUPS

Disability Resource Library Network

The Disability Resource Library Network (DRLN) will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12th at 2:30 p.m. in the Basement Meeting Room of Lyndhurst Hospital, 520 Sutherland Dr. (Eglinton east of Bayview). The main agenda item will be "Resource sharing". The DRLN was founded in 1984 to provide a forum for the exchange of information, experience and ideas for libraries, agencies, consumer groups and all persons interested in the provision of information services for disabled persons in Metropolitan Toronto. For further details about the Network, and the upcoming meeting, please contact Peter Bernauer at 422-5640, ext.20 during business hours.

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Microcomputer Group

There will be a brief meeting prior to the October 21 THLA meeting. It will take place in the library of the Toronto Institute of Medical Technology at 6:15 p.m.

The agenda will include: Update on members' database - Dorothy Davy; Update on the bibliography of microcomputer literature - Barbro Westin; Planning this year's meetings; and Choosing a new co-ordinator for the Group.

For further information contact Rita Shaughnessy at 978-6467.

Quality Assurance Spécial Interest Group

After a three month hiatus the QA group met again on September 24 to continue a discussion of inter-library loans. The meetings of October 22, 1985 and November 26, 1985 will address respectively the topics of Reference and Selection/Acquisitions. Topics early in the new year will Cataloguing/Circulation, Inter-departmental and External Relations, and Photocopying. For further information please contact me - Jan Greenwood, Secretary.

FACES & PLACES

Three new hospital library positions have recently been created in the Toronto area. DEIDRE GREEN, IRENE CAMERON and DEBORAH LAMBERT have been hired, respectively, at the Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga, the Salvation Army Scarborough Grace General Hospital, and Bloorview Children's Hospital.

SANDRA GOLD has left the hospital library field to assume responsibility for the library at the Fire Marshall's Office, Government of Ontario in Toronto.

JENNY O'GRADY has accepted, on a 6 month contract, the half-time position vacated by Sandra at Sunnybrook Medical Centre.

RICHARD AND ELIZABETH ULERYK welcomed at baby brother for MICHAEL on September 6, 1985. DAVID ANDREW weighed in at 7 lbs., 10 ozs. Everyone recuperating!

CONFERENCE TROTTING

UNYOC - October 16-18, 1985

The Upstate New York/Ontario Chapter of the Medical Library Association annual conference will be in Rochester, N.Y. at the Rochester Plaza Hotel. The theme of the meeting is "Gutenberg goes to Bits": Technology and its effect on publishing and library material management.

Contact: Julia Sollenberger, Chair, Edward G. Miner Library, University of Rochester School of Medicine, 601 Elmwood Ave., Rochester N.Y. 14642 (From: MLA NEWS, No.178/September 1985).

The Ontario Library Association's annual conference takes place at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto on Friday, Nov. 22 - to Sunday, Nov. 24. The cost to members is \$90; non-members \$150 for the entire conference, which has as its theme: "The wonder of libraries - Illusion or reality".

Participants may register for one day at a cost of \$50 or \$85 for members or non-members respectively.

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THLA members might be especially interested in the Thursday, Nov. 21 Pre-Conference programs. The keynote speaker at 9 p.m. is Charles Robinson, President, American Public Library Association. Three all-day sessions on Nov. 21 might be of interest: Effective communication; Microcomputers - Who needs them?; and Crash Graphics. For further information or to obtain a brochure contact the OLA office at 363-3388.

IN THE LOBBY

On behalf of hospital librarians in the chapter, THLA is participating in discussions with the Health Sciences Resource Centre and the Canadian Hospital Association in regard to the CHA's proposal to become the network mode in providing Medlars services to hospital libraries. The THLA Executive has made known in writing its general support of existing HSRC services and its concerns about costs and continuity of service should the CHA proposal go into effect. The discussions are continuing and more information should be forthcoming at the October THLA meeting. As of this printing Andrew D. Cameron, Vice-President, Information Systems, CHA has agreed to meet with our Toronto Hospital Librarians at the Ontario Medical Association on Friday, Sept. 27.

- Bev Brown, President

MARKET PLACE

MLS and English graduate with experience in Health Sciences and Urban Documentation Libraries, currently seeking a contract or permanent full-time position in Reference Services. Please contact Judy Wilkinson at (416) 627-0159; 119 Grant Blvd., Dundas, Ontario L9H 4L9.

Bound volumes of the following journals are available:

New England Journal of Medicine
1975-1979;

Lancet 1972-1979;

Annals of Internal Medicine
1974-1979;

Circulation 1974-1981.

If interested, call Rita Shaughnessy at 978-6467.