

# NEWSLINE

Newsletter MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 208 - 100 Arthur St., Wpg. MB R3B 1H3

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### 1. MLA NEWS:

#### ★PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm not sure I'd of believed it if I hadn't heard it with my own ears. Yes, the words Manitoba Library Association coming from Peter Gzowski's own lips on Morningside (Tuesday, September 9th at about 11:20 am). Peter Tittenberger of our own CM was being interviewed. You just can't buy publicity like that! Congratulations to the CM board and employees for all the hard work and inspiration that attracted the attention!

After much soul searching this summer the MLA executive has decided not to participate in a joint conference this Spring. For those of you ever involved organizing one of these conferences you know how much of a commitment they involve, and for those who have not, I think you can imagine. There are several reasons we decided to go in other directions: no one on the executive was committed enough to the concept to chair the conference; by the time all the bills are paid the conferences do not generate a significant amount of

income; and we cannot afford an office manager (and therefore a large part of the support a large conference needs). What we are going to pursue (and I don't want to scoop anyone, but I will anyway) is a joint conference with at least PLS in the fall of 1997. I really hope this flies, because I think it would be a great opportunity for all of us (and anyway it fits in with the theme of inclusion I talked about at the AGM).

Speaking of office managers, I should of started with a big "We Apologize for the inconvenience, picture quality will resume shortly". For those of you trying to do any business with MLA during the last few months, you may have found us nearly impossible to reach. In order to improve this situation the members of the executive residing in Winnipeg will be sorting and answering mail twice a week and returning phone messages daily. Unless of course there is a person reading this that would like to volunteer some time to help the Association out in the office. I'm thinking perhaps a recent graduate looking for contacts (and extra goodies to put on their resume) or a retired librarian at loose ends (ha!).

The major problems we will be correcting are: slow mailing of Newsline resulting in lost opportunities in job ads, et cetera; receipts for membership cheques not received; membership cheques not cashed in a timely

fashion; membership renewals not sent out. So if you think you should be renewing your membership soon, you will receive a renewal notice shortly and if you think you should have received a receipt but didn't, please contact the membership chair Richard Thiessen (669-6575, email: rthiessen@concordcollege.mb.ca).

The other volunteer we are looking for is someone with knowledge (for example a former member of the executive) of the Association and a yearning to sniff out some grant possibilities and write grant proposals. We know there is money out there, we know we have great things to do, we just lack some resources to put it all together. Call me ASAP if THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU.

We plan on putting on a number of "continuing education" events this year. Here is the outline:

Month	Subject (Organized by)
October	Hands-on HTML writing workshop (Tracey Keryluk 474-9178, keryluk@cc.umanitoba.ca)
November	tba (Karen Hunt 235-1721, karenh@rrcc.mb.ca)
January	T.B.A. (Hal Loewen 452-7734)
February	Genre Fiction II (possibly a murder mystery night)(Iris Loewen 822-4092 irisloew@mbnet.mb.ca)
March	Advocacy (Ganga Dakshinamurti 474-8927 gdaksh@bldgdafoe.lan1.umanitoba.ca & Gretta Redahl 204-687-3397)
April	Freedom to Read (Paul Nielson 945-7027 pnielson@freenet.mb.ca)
May	Mini-conference (AGM) (All - so far)

If you have other ideas or are interested in commenting please contact the person above or call me. We are also interested in working with any other association in putting on events throughout the year. All these events will be offered to members first, at a reduced rate -- so if you aren't a MLA member, join now. Contact Richard Thiessen for a membership brochure (Richard Thiessen, 669-6575, email: rthiessen@concordcollege.mb.ca). As an added incentive, the November event will be offered free to MLA members who "sign-up" a new MLA member.

Don't forget about the Public Library Service Conference in Brandon on October 16-18th (PLS - 1-800-252-9998). Penny Copeland, fund raising Director, will be coordinating car pooling from Winnipeg. She can be reached at 632-2274. Penny is also coordinating volunteers for a Bingo we are working to pay off a photocopier (it is a long and sordid tale - buy me a beer sometime and I'll tell it to you). Anyway, if you are interested in working a Bingo please contact Penny.

It is with regret that we accepted the resignation of our Treasurer, Cynthia Holt at the September meeting of the Executive. Cynthia will remain "Past-Treasurer" until December (or until the audit is completed). Cynthia is commended on the excellent job she has done and the hundreds of hours she has volunteered. The good news is our new Treasurer is Shelley Penziwol, currently at Red River Community College Library.

I'm really impressed with my colleagues on the executive. You have an enthusiastic, intelligent and creative group working to promote library services in Manitoba. If you would like to assist in our efforts please call Shelley Penziwol (Treasurer / Finance - 632- 2382), Richard Thiessen (Membership - 669-6575), Penny Copeland (Fund Raising - 632-2274), or Reesa Cohen (Scholarships - 256-1135). Note: see the end of Newslines for a complete list of executive with addresses. When I recently asked someone if they were interested in helping out, he replied "Sure, I was waiting for someone to ask me". If you are waiting for someone to ask you, consider yourself asked!

Please drop me an email or give me a call to discuss any of the above.

Karen Hunt  
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#### Draft 1996/97 Budget REVENUE

Library Week	1800.00
Operating Grants	4500.00
Collection Booster	2000.00
Newslines	500.00
Endowment Fund	1000.00
Continuing Educ'n	7000.00
GST Rebate	1500.00
Membership	10000.00
MLA Products	1000.00
Other Grants	2560.00

total \$31,860.00

## EXPENDITURES

Continuing Educ'n	2800.00
Endowment Fund	100.00
Membership	200.00
Advocacy	200.00
Executive Costs	500.00
MLA Products	500.00
Library Week	1800.00
Collection Booster	2000.00
Memberships (CLA)	250.00
Newsline	6160.00
Publicity - Awards	200.00
Office Supplies	1500.00
Postge & Communic'n	3500.00
Photocopying	6500.00
Rent	1200.00
Telephone	1400.00
Bank Charges	400.00
Audit	800.00
Insurance	250.00
Equipment & Software Maint	1500.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
total	\$31,760

### 2. NEWS:

#### ★NEW LIBRARIANS AT UofM

Carol Cooke became the Resource Development Librarian at the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library on July 1, 1996. She has been on staff with the Libraries on a contract basis since October 1994 in the position of Reference Librarian in the former Medical Library. Prior to that, she spent a year as Librarian for the Canadian Red Cross Society in Winnipeg.

Carol earned her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Toronto and her Master of Library and Information Science at the University of Western Ontario in 1993.

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Peter Curtis was appointed to the position of Reference Librarian in the E.K. Williams Law Library in March 1996 and Sessional Instructor in the Faculty of Law in May 1996.

Peter came to Winnipeg from Vancouver where he worked as a freelance law librarian/research lawyer/legal editor for the Department of Justice (Canada), the Continuing Legal Education Society of BC, Western Legal Publications, and several law firms. His prior experience has included positions as a Reference Librarian in Edmonton for the Department of the Attorney General and the University of Alberta. He also has worked as a law book publishing representative, an English-as-a-Second-Language teacher, an outdoor education instructor and, for many years, a library assistant at the UBC Law Library.

Peter earned his degrees at UBC: a Bachelor of Arts (English), Professional Certificate in Community Education, law degree, and Master of Library, Archival and Information Science. He was called to the BC Bar in 1993, having articulated at a Vancouver firm specializing in labour law.

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#### ★ALBERTA LIBRARY IS BORN

On July 1, 1996, "The Alberta Library," a concept originally created by way of the Libraries: ASAP planning process, became a reality! This multi-type, province-wide library network is an indicator of evolving interdependence among libraries and information providers in Alberta. Initial membership includes 31 institutions from Across the province.

September 6 and 7, 1996 marked the dates of the first meeting of "The Alberta Library Board," a body consisting of a representative from each of the 31 libraries. This assembly signifies a turning point for The Alberta Library -- a first step on the path to transforming the concept of a province-wide library network into something physical and assessable.

The Alberta Library Board will achieve this by:  
\* initiating an information infrastructure;

\* educating, training & developing the stakeholders who are planning for delivery of information and library services in Alberta; and

\* advocating, as a single voice, on behalf of all Albertans, for the support and resources to provide the library and information services that meet their needs.

Cooperation, an essential ingredient to the success of The Alberta Library, is a concept easy to laud, but not always easy to achieve, particularly across jurisdiction boundaries. Consequentially, many challenges lie ahead and there will be no shortage of hard work for the dedicated individuals sitting on The Alberta Library Board. To this we must keep in mind the ultimate benefit to all citizens of Alberta - increased and enhanced access to information resources across the province.

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✠ Later in September, there will be a website at  
[http://www.library.ualberta.ca/library\\_html/alta-lib/](http://www.library.ualberta.ca/library_html/alta-lib/)

### ★FRENCH LANGUAGE LIBRARIES

From: Karen Hunt <karenh@rcc.mb.ca>  
FORWARDED FROM: Dakshinamurti, Ganga

I am working for the ALARM project of ASTED under the supervision of Mr. Gilles Deschatelets, director of the School of Librarian and Information Sciences (EBSI) of the University of Montreal, Mrs Pierrette Bergeron, assistant professor at EBSI, Mr Louis Cabral, director of ASTED, Mr Robert Chiasson, professor in the library technician program at College Garneau and Mrs Celine Gendron, librarian and delegate of ASTED on the ALARM Committee.

We are conducting a research project on tasks, skills and continuing education needs of library personnel (librarians, technicians, library assistants and others). We are interested in all types of libraries (public, school, special, university...). However our population is restricted to French speaking libraries. For libraries outside Quebec, this means only those which have an official policy about providing services in French.

To determine our population of libraries outside Quebec, we need your help: if you work in a library where there is an official policy about providing services in French or if you know of such a library in your province, could you please let us know by e-mail. We need the name of the institution, its address, its phone number and, if possible, the name of the person in charge.

Our sampling method requires that we identify as many francophone or bilingual libraries as possible outside Quebec.

Thank you in advance for your help.

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### ★PAT CAVILL

Please note the temporary relocation of the office of \*Pat Cavill Consulting\* for the period August 29, 1996 to December 13, 1996.

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### ★IASL SUSTAINING THE VISION

Sustaining the Vision: School Library Imperatives for the 21st Annual Conference of the International Association of School Librarianship was held 28 July - 2 August 1996 in Ocho Rios Jamaica. Over 200 delegates from 21 countries attended the workshops and seminars which were divided into sub-themes of the Vision, Expanding Educational Horizons, Information Literacy & Cultural Harmony and Caribbean Identity in Literature. The conference was sponsored by the Jamaican Library Service and Miss Gloria Clarke served as the Chair of the Conference Organizing Committee.

Sessions for all attendees included Helen Stills, President of the Jamaica Teachers' Association, "Sustaining the Vision"; Dr. Ken Haycock (Canada), "The Impact of

Scheduling on Cooperative Program Planning and Teaching,"; Madeline Hoss & Rosyln Wylie (USA), "Celebrating Diversity of Traditions via Bridging Cultures"; Carol Coore & Everard Gowie, "Computers in Schools - Jamaica Computer Society Education Foundation Project". Concurrent presentations included Dr. Sandra Olen (South Africa), "Will School Libraries all Become Virtual Libraries?"; Jack Stack, "The Combined School/Public Library Concept in the US"; Dr. Anne Clyde (Iceland), "IASL: School Libraries and the Internet"; Dr. Diljit Singh, "The Teachers' Activity Centers in Malaysia,"; Dr. Rebecca Knith (USA), "Trends and Movements within IASL, 1972-1996,"; Cherrell Shelley-Robinson, "Voluntary Reading Interests and Habits of Jamaican Sixth Graders,"; and Dr. Joy McGregor (USA), "Student research: Productive or Counterproductive?"

The annual Weston Woods Lecture was delivered by Isabel Gomez, Head Librarian at the Grange School and Professor of Library Studies at the Universidad Technologica Metropolitana in Santiago, Chile. Her paper, "Teaching for AV Media: A Challenge for Education," discussed the importance of the integration of all media formats into the learning process. World Book International sponsored a lecture delivered by Virginia Dike (Nigeria) entitled, "Expanding the Educational Horizons of Nigerian Students." Mrs. Dike is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Library Science at the university of Nigeria.

The 1996 IASL/SIRS International Commendation Award was presented to the Association for Teacher Librarianship in Canada for the publication "Winners: Resource Based Units Cooperatively Planned by Teacher-Librarians and teachers. Linda Knight, editor of the work, was present to accept the plaque and check for US\$400.

The 1996 IASL/Jean E. Lowrie Leadership Development Grant was awarded to Daisy Lake, Supervisor of School Libraries for the Ministry of Education in Antigua. Over the past 7 years, the annual IASL Auction has been one of the sources to raise funds for this grant. This year's IASL Auction raised over US\$ 1200 for the Support-A-Member fund, which pays for and/or subsidizes membership fees for individuals in developing countries who normally would not be able to afford membership fees.

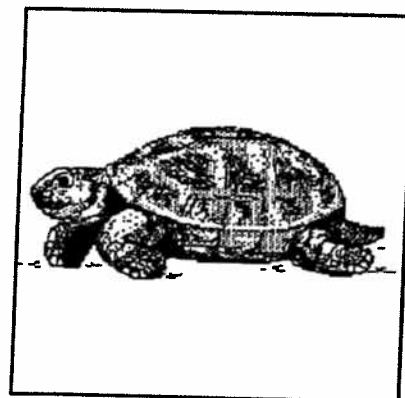
The IASL/Softlink 25th Anniversary Research Grant was awarded to Lyn Hay (Australia), James Henri (Australia) and Dianne Oberg (Canada) for their topic, "Principal's Role in Developing and Supporting an Information Literate School." US\$ 1500 was granted by the library software company and its developer, John Dunne, who is also a member of IASL.

Jean E. Lowrie, retiring Executive Secretary, has served IASL for 25 years and was honoured with the publication and presentation of "Sustaining the Vision: A Collection of Articles and Papers on research in School Librarianship," edited by Laurel A. Clyde for IASL.

The Board of IASL has approved the development of a new grant entitled, "IASL/Murofushi Research Fund. The fund is named for Professor Takeshi Murofushi of the Asia University in Japan. Mr. Murofushi has regularly donated funds to IASL including the presentation of a check for US\$ 3000 at this year's Annual General Meeting. The first research grant from this fund will be awarded next year.

The 1997 IASL Conference will be held in Vancouver BC from July 6-11, 1997. The theme will be "Bridging the Gap: Information Rich but Knowledge Poor." It will be a joint conference with ATLC. For more information about next year's conference contact Lynne Lighthall, 4093 West 14th Avenue, V6R 2X3. Voice: 604-822-2704 or Fax: 604-822-6006. Internet [http://www.rhi.hi.is/~anne/conf\\_van.html](http://www.rhi.hi.is/~anne/conf_van.html) or E-mail at [iasltlc@unix.ubc.ca](mailto:iasltlc@unix.ubc.ca)

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Peter Genco, IASL Newsletter Editor



**3. PUBLICATIONS:**

**★FREEBIES!**

The Manitoba Education Library has the following titles available free of charge on a first come, first served basis. You provide the transportation, and you have until September 30, 1996. Call John Tooth at 945-7833.

Manitoba Pageant (1956-79)  
Index (1956-1965)  
Transactions Series III (1965-1979) Nos.21-35  
Papers: Series III Nos.1-27  
- all published by the Historical & Scientific Society of Manitoba

Canada & Its Provinces (1913-17) Vol.1-23 Edinburgh University Press

Canada: An Encyclopaedia of the Country, Vols.1-6, Linscott Publishing Co.

History for Ready Reference & Topical Reading (1894-1910) Vol.1-7, C.A. Nichols Co.

The Makers of Canada (1906), Morang & Co. Ltd.

Frame Report (1982-1993), Manitoba Education

Enrolment & Transported Pupils Report (1983-1993), Manitoba Education

**4. CALENDAR:**

**★OCTOBER 16 - 18 1996**

Public Library Services Conference: October 16-18, Royal Oak Inn, Brandon

DEEP ROOTS, NEW BRANCHES: CHANGE & CONTINUITY IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

1:30-4:00 p.m.

**LIBRARY ADVOCACY NOW**

Books are on the way out! Libraries will soon be history!! Are you worried that those who fund libraries may be only too eager to believe the hype? Pat Cavill, former President of the Canadian Library Association, describes a nationally mounted advocacy campaign designed to communicate why libraries must continue both traditional library services and adopt new technologies. She will share techniques you can use in your own communities.

4:30 p.m.

**MANITOBA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Open to everyone.

7:30 p.m.

**BUZZ SESSION**

Offers a variety of topics including information on copyright. The Buzz session is also an opportunity to raise topics that are of interest to you and gather together some like-minded people at a table for a discussion.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00-10:20 a.m.

**BEGINNER'S CATALOGUING**

Will Enns covers the basics of providing access to your collection. Topics will include MARC (Machine Readable Cataloguing), descriptive cataloguing rules, Dewey classification, subject heading assignment and authority control.

or,

**STORYTELLING IN THE ABORIGINAL TRADITION**

Stories are told to pass on traditional teachings and values to children in aboriginal cultures. Dakota elder and storyteller, Calvin Pompana, will relate stories from his tradition and speak about the role of the storyteller. Laura Fowler, Youth Services Librarian at Winnipeg Public Library, will share her experience in building an aboriginal collection that aims to accurately reflect tradition and appeal to today's children.

10:40 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**INTERMEDIATE CATALOGUING**

Both novice and experienced cataloguers will benefit as Will addresses questions arising from cataloguing experiences at your library. Content of the session is open but may include non-book formats, special situations, advanced MARC, reporting holdings to MAPLIN (Manitoba Public Library Information Network), circulation and automation issues. Your questions are invited.

or,

**RAISING READING CHILDREN**

Raising Reading Children was a very successful parent-child program which Winnipeg Public Library sponsored during International Year of the Family. Lorraine Douglas, Youth Services Coordinator, and Laura Fowler, Youth Services Librarian, will present ideas for sharing stories with pre-school children and demonstrate projects which families can do.

1:30-4:00 p.m.

**MANAGING ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE IN A FAST-PACED WORLD**

This session, for board members and staff, will look at the role of the board in managing change. The session will provide opportunities for group discussion, and problem solving, as well as provide practical information on how boards work.

4:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
Open to PLAB only.

**BANQUET (\$18.69)**

Kady MacDonald-Denton, children's author, talks about her newest work -- a book of nursery rhymes.

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**

9:00-10:20 a.m.

**LIBRARIES AND TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

A progress report hosted by PLS staff including both local news from libraries around the province and the current developments concerning MAPLIN from a PLS perspective.

10:40 a.m-12:00 p.m.

**POTPOURRI 1, 2, 3**

Three small sessions from which to pick and choose. Each session lasts 40 minutes and then is repeated. At the end of the first 40 minutes, participants may change to a second table if they wish.

**1. LIBRARIES BRANCHING OUT**

Staff from the Flin Flon Public Library and South Central Regional Library describe particular projects implemented by their libraries that make their services more vital to the community.

**2. PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE INTERNET: ONE LIBRARY'S EXPERIENCE**

Staff from Boissevain and Morton Regional Library describe their experience with offering Internet to the community. This is your opportunity to learn from those who have gone before.

**3. INTERLIBRARY LOAN IN THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGY**

Are you sure you have it right? Emerging technology promises to deliver materials and information to the customer in record time. But even the best of the technology will not compensate for limitations unknowingly set when a request is first made at the library's service corner. Louise Robbins clarifies procedures and describes the possibilities and pitfalls of the "New Age" ILL. There will be ample time for questions and discussion.

**EXHIBITS**

Exhibits open at 10:20 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided.

**HANDS-ON AT PLS: Internet/MAPLIN/Windows 3.1 Program Manager**

Learn or improve your abilities accessing MAPLIN (Manitoba Public Library Information Network) for interlibrary loan or cataloguing.

Learn basic skills for using the Windows 3.1 Program Manager, including file management, creating icons, switching applications, and other questions you may have.

With almost 80% of the province covered, the Internet is coming to your neighbourhood! This is an opportunity for improving skills in Internet browsers, e-mail, news servers, search engines, and other issues.

**COSTS:**

Lunch on Thursday (\$7.44)  
Banquet on Thursday evening (\$16.69)  
Rooms for 1-4 people at the Royal Oak Inn (\$63.95 plus taxes and gratuities)

For further information or a registration form, contact:  
Louise Shah or Colette Forbes (1-800-252-9998)

If you are interested in car pooling from Winnipeg, contact Penny Copeland (632-2274) e-mail: [pcopeland@rrcc.mb.ca](mailto:pcopeland@rrcc.mb.ca)

Day trips and overnights will be organized depending on the demand.

Know your province!

**★OCTOBER 19 1996**

Once again the University of Manitoba Libraries and the Friends of the Libraries are sponsoring a Book Sale to raise funds for the purchase of new materials for the Libraries.

DATE: Saturday, October 19, 1996  
TIME: 11AM to 3PM  
WHERE: Multi-Purpose Room (2nd Floor) University Centre

Come help the University of Manitoba Libraries meet the challenge of maintaining its excellent collections. Books included in the Sale are donations which have been carefully checked against the holdings of the University of Manitoba Libraries. Although many donated books are added to the collection, many are duplicates and/or do not support the programs taught at the University. These books are sold and funds realized from the sale help the Libraries to purchase new books for our collections.

**3. JOB:**

The Manitoba Telephone System is seeking a full time library technician. Graduation from a library technician program from an accredited community college is required, as is extensive experience, preferably in a corporate library setting. Reporting to the Corporate

Librarian, the successful candidate will be responsible for technical services including acquisitions and cataloguing; inter-library loans; and reference support. Applicants must be proficient in the operation of personal computers in a LAN environment (including Word for Windows), and with Internet e-mail.

Remuneration is dependent upon qualifications and experience, and will be based on the salary range for this position of \$24,487.00 to \$31,931.00 per year. MTS also offers an attractive benefits package.

Please send resume, including references to:

MTS  
Human Resources  
P.O. Box 6666  
489 Empress Street  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3V6

Applications accepted until, Monday, October 7, 1996.  
(From: Tanya Evancio 204.941.6344 or [tanya.evancio@mts.mb.ca](mailto:tanya.evancio@mts.mb.ca))

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