

NEWSLINE

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1. MLA:

★PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A few weeks ago Richard Thiessen sent out over 200 membership renewals. I was extremely pleased to see the stacks of renewals (with cheques included!) that have been coming into the MLA office. Thanks to all who have replied promptly!

At the October 7 meeting of the executive we passed the Strategic Plan for the 1996/97 year. Here are a few of the highlights. If you would like to receive a copy, please email me at karenh@rrcc.mb.ca.

1.0 Professional Development

We are planning a one to two day conference in the Spring. If you would like to serve on the committee organizing the event please contact me. Last month I mentioned the possibility of a joint conference with Public Library Services for this fall. Unfortunately that will not be possible, but we will be working on a joint conference to be held within the next 12 to 18 months.

The events throughout the year I discussed last month are really shaping up. October's HTML writing workshop is scheduled for October 28th (see details in this issue of Newsline).

Paul Nielson and I are organizing a public forum on Information Rights for the end of November.

Hal Loewen will be doing a session on automation for smaller libraries (similar to the session done on February 1st). If you were on the waiting list for that session please contact Hal for details (452-7734).

For February, Iris Loewen is organizing a session on Genre Fiction. I think this will be very interesting and should appeal to library people, and moreover, readers of mystery, romance, westerns, et cetera.

Keep reading upcoming issues of *Newsline* for more information on the above and future events.

All scholarships were awarded this summer, and a full list is included on page 2.

2.0 Library Leadership

We are preparing a brief to the Manitoba government regarding freedom of information and privacy legislation and to the Manitoba and Canadian Information Highway Advisory Councils. Contact Paul Nielson for more information.

3.0 Role and Value of Libraries

Penny Copeland is planning for the annual Manitoba Library Week and the popular Collection Booster awards. Penny Copeland and Carmen Kazakoff will be attending the Brandon Career Symposium.

4.0 Cooperation

There are several objectives we are working towards regarding cooperation. In the next few weeks I would like to get together with the Presidents of other associations to discuss several issues (if you are one of them expect a call from me soon!). Carmen Kazakoff will be working on an initiative to reach out to other organizations, for example the Association of Professional Engineers of Manitoba and the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce.

5.0 Publications

We will be continuing to publish *Newsline*, while at the same time the electronic mailing list, MLA-NEWS is available to members. We are also investigating the possibility of making the Directory of Libraries in Manitoba available on the Internet (with email and online catalogue links). CM (www.mbnet.mb.ca/cm) is into its second year of publication, continues to receive kudos, and has doubled and tripled its hit rate.

6.0 Membership Development

Richard Thiessen will be working to ensure that the membership database is current, and will be investigating migrating the membership system to different software.

We expect memberships to increase this year once non-members realize the many continuing education events they can participate in at member prices (if only they were a member!). We would also encourage non-members reading a member's copy of *Newsline*, to consider taking out their own membership. The prices are reasonable (starting at \$10 for students) and the benefits include: membership in the mailing list MLA-NEWS (the best of the Internet culled by Norma Godavari and other fast-breaking news of interest to the

Manitoba library community); your own copy of *Newsline* (no more coffee stains that don't belong to you); and member prices on continuing education events.

Contact Richard Thiessen for a membership brochure (669-6583, rthiessen@concordcollege.mb.ca).

7.0 Organizational Development

Those of you who carefully read the budget in last month's *Newsline* may have realized that there are no funds allocated for an office manager. Keeping the office running without paid staff means more work for volunteers, including the executive of MLA. (You may have also caught the mistake in addition, expenditures added to \$31,860.00 rather than \$31,760 as published). Hal Loewen has taken on the task of organizing the MLA office (and also thanks to Cynthia Holt for getting us going on this).

8.0 Financial Responsibility

We plan on applying for lottery funding for a MLA display that can be used at conferences, career fairs, et cetera. Shelley Penziwol and Cynthia Holt will be ensuring we make it through the audit. At the last meeting we approved the hiring of a different accounting firm to complete the audit.

I will continue to update you on these events in the coming months. For those of you wishing to contact me, I'll be back at work at the College on October 21 (632-2382).

Karen Hunt, President MLA

★ABORIGINAL LIBRARIAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

From: Lyle Penner
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The City of Winnipeg and the Manitoba Library Association are pleased to announce that the Aboriginal Librarian Scholarship was recently awarded to Deborah Fyfe of Winnipeg.

Deborah is currently attending the University of Alberta for her Master's degree in Library and Information Studies. She is a graduate of the University of Manitoba and received her Bachelor of Education degree in June of 1995. Deborah has extensive volunteer experience and is interested in literacy issues. She is particularly interested

in the learning and re-learning of Aboriginal languages and in helping members of the community find and use resources about ancestral languages. Deborah is very interested in the impact of the Internet on librarianship and the use of computers in libraries. She has a wide range of computer skills and experience searching the Internet.

This scholarship was an initiative of the City of Winnipeg Library Department and Employment Equity and was administered by the Manitoba Library Association. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage Winnipeg Aboriginal students to consider librarianship as a career.

★SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

From: Reesa Cohen <rcohen@minet.gov.mb.ca>

The Manitoba Library Association is pleased to announce the recipients of the 1995-1996 MLA Scholarships.

The successful applicants were:

Elizabeth Carol Dales
Analyn Cohen Baker
Christine Shaw - Daigle
Renee Lavergne
Deborah Fyfe
Rita Braun
Theresa Yauk
Irene Schlarb
Deborah Fyfe

MLA congratulates all recipients and wishes them great success in their field of study and in their future careers in the library world.

★MLA GEAR FOR SALE

From: Penny Copeland <pcopelan@post.rrcc.mb.ca>

MLA Fundraising Items for Sale:

Children's T-shirts (Libraries Matter for the Mind) \$10.00
Adult T-shirts (MLA Logo) Sizes XL and XXL \$15.00
Mousepads \$7.00
Bookbuddies \$ 2.50
Conference Mugs \$5.00
(Black and Gold)

If you are interested in purchasing any of the above items please contact: Penny Copeland at 632-2274(days) or 338-3048(evenings), or rrpcope@cc.umanitoba.ca

★HELP WANTED!!!

MLA needs two adventurous volunteers to work at a Bingo.

When: Monday, November 25, 1996

Time: 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. (Approx.)

Where: Club Regent

Why: To pay for the Photocopier at Artspace

REWARD: a free MLA logo T-shirt.

Please contact Penny Copeland at 632-2274 (days) or 338-3049 (evenings) or pcpolan@rrcc.mb.ca or rrpcope@cc.umanitoba.ca

Thank you!

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2. NEWS:

★OBITUARY: Fr. HAROLD DRAKE

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Father Harold Drake, former Head of the St. Paul's College Library on Saturday, September 28, 1996, one day after turning 81 years old in Pickering, Ontario.

Father Drake entered the Noviate at Guelph in 1935 and proceeded into the Jesuit Seminary at Toronto in 1939. He later studied theology at West Baden College, Indiana and was ordained there on June 16, 1948. He was posted to Winnipeg in 1953, served as teacher and administrator at St. Paul's High School and later became Librarian of St. Paul's College, a position he held until his retirement in 1992. He obtained his Master's Degree in Library Science at the Catholic University of America in 1966.

In September 1993, the Library at St. Paul's College was formally named in honour of Father Drake in recognition of his dedication and service as the college librarian from 1959 to his retirement.

As Archbishop Adam Exner has said, Father Drake "was a good man and a model priest." He is sadly missed.

★INFORMATION NEEDED ON FRENCH LIBRARIES

This message was originally sent to Ganga Dakshinamurti.

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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★IFLA REPORT 1996

International Federation of Library Associations
Conference Report 1996

I thought you might appreciate reading this report from Judy Dueck. She is a leader in school library services in the Winnipeg School system. Here she gives a good overview of the conference and a report in the form of informal reflections, with enough clues about the sessions to trigger one's imagination. If you would like to follow up on any of this material, please feel free to contact Judy at e-mail: judith.dueck@devcan.ca

International Federation of Library Associations
Conference Beijing, China August, 1996 by Judith Dueck,
Teacher-Librarian, Gordon Bell High School Winnipeg,
Manitoba, Canada.

China: the word evokes images of mystery, conspiracy, intrigue, hunger, poverty, repression, control, lucky red, Mao grey, Buddha, magic, superstition, crowds, rice, temples, acrobatics, opera, mist, spices,and the list goes on. I went to China expecting an unforgettable experience. I was not disappointed.

When one considers the changes that have profoundly affected Chinese society in this century, one stands in awe of the adaptability of the Chinese people. ADAPTABILITY is not a word I previously associated with Chinese people. But a quick look at the history of the last 80 years reveals that citizens have lived through uncertain and difficult times when the rules were constantly changing according the political whims of whoever was in power. Literacy has dramatically improved and now stands at over 78%. Women, once subjected to foot binding and other restrictions now appear to take a strong, active and vocal role in society. China as a whole has moved from being ruled by emperors and war lords, through wars with Japan and the West, through civil war, through the Communist Mao era to a new type of Communism combined with a now racing economic development.

Building is everywhere. New highrises, private housing, hundreds of construction cranes, new roads..... The architecture looks impressive with sleek modern angles and walls of glass. Conversations with embassy officials imply that the Chinese government has some concerns about quality control but the surface certainly looks good. Still, when I asked Chinese people, "Who lives in

these brand new spiffy homes?" They answered, "I don't know." For the majority of people, housing is still supplied by their employer. Most apartments are small two bedroom affairs of about 500 sq. feet with or without hot running water and electricity.

Private enterprise is booming. Small business abound. One has a sense of industry and hard work. Along with all the economic development, come warnings of increased corruption. But I sensed an optimism that I did not expect. Much of the small business activity is in addition to a regular job - usually a government job. These government jobs are obtained largely and openly via "connections" which are still at the heart of Chinese society. However, foreign investment is strongly encouraged in "modern" China and from all the economic activity, it seems that a wealthy class is about to emerge in the new China.

A recognition of historical Chinese culture is growing in spite of attempts to destroy everything of beauty during the Cultural Revolution. Restoration of ancient sites, excavations, a revival of religious life, newly painted temples, appreciation of old paintings and colorful fashions including mini-skirts are all part of the scene. Hairdressers, previously banned, are everywhere, forcing beautiful straight black hair into "western" curls. Early morning Tai Chi, an exercise program practiced by many Chinese, is sometimes replaced with 6:30 AM classes in ballroom waltz or 1950s rock and roll, all outside in the community squares. A wonderful Cultural Concert staged by the Ministry of Culture for conference participants included the traditional Peking Opera and Acrobats as well as selections from Turandot and La Traviata concluding with a full scale orchestra rendition of Auld Lang-syne!

I was privileged to interview several painters as well as a number of young people in their twenties. Even though Mao's mausoleum still attracts thousands of daily visitors who wish to view his embalmed body, the people I spoke with openly stated that Mao was "only 70% right - he made mistakes". And the cultural revolution is fortunately regarded as part of that mistake. One wonders what will happen when Deng, who hasn't been officially seen for two years, dies. Or when Hong Kong is absorbed into the country. Or when the increasing freedom in economic development forces increased freedom in other areas. Or when the pampered children of "one-child families" grow up, expecting to be heard and to get their own way.

In this setting, 2,500 librarians descended upon Beijing to a UNESCO recognized conference. The conference had received a great deal of publicity apparently with more hype than a political convention! The theme of the conference suited the new developments in China as well as realities for libraries all over the world - "The Challenge of Change: Libraries and Economic Development."

The opening and closing sessions included the usual formalities with speeches from Li Peng (Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China) and Luo Gan (Secretary-General of the State Council of the People's Republic of China). In his opening address, IFLA President Bob Wedgeworth noted the importance of information for economic development with the following words:

Recognizing that many businesses worldwide fail for lack of adequate information about products, materials and markets; recognizing that many individuals suffer due to lack of adequate access to medical and public health information; recognizing that access to information cannot compete with the major crises due to war, disease, famine and natural disasters, IFLA is committed to focusing attention upon the economic importance of access to information for the improvement of the quality of human existence.

The conference was very efficiently organized. Security was high with guards posted at all entrances to the conference site. The exhibition centers in large halls on three floors included hundreds of booths with demonstrations and displays of computer programs, internet, books, library furnishings and supplies, CD ROM, multimedia and Map resources etc. Multi-lingual information booths and simultaneous translation were provided.

Sessions of interest to many types of librarians were offered and represented the major divisions of IFLA. These included General Research Libraries (National, University, Parliament); Libraries serving the General Public (Public, School, Children's, Mobile, Services for Multicultural Populations); Bibliographic Control (Cataloguing, Classification and Indexing); Collections and Services (Acquisitions and Collection Development; Interlending); Management and Technology (Information Technology, Audiovisual and Multimedia Management); Education and Research (Education and Training, Reading, User Education) and Regional Activities.

I found it very difficult to choose which sessions to attend since so many of the sessions were relevant to my involvements in education, in technology, in the organization of information for access, and in development. Of particular interest to me were the following sessions:

- A fascinating full day workshop on "Serving Multicultural Populations in the 21st Century: Universal Standardized Subject Headings - Present Status and Future Prospects" including papers from USA, Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, and Malaysia. While this was a rather technical workshop, it was clear that the Library of Congress Subject Headings are definitely dominant in the world even though they have an intentional and decidedly US cultural bias.

While some co-operation does exist between Europe and North America, many countries in the south are starting from the beginning and developing subject heading lists independently. Clearly there is a need for increased co-operation between countries and increased standardization of subject headings. The session had a regional focus.

A similar session with a "thematic" focus would be very interesting - including for example an exploration of various existing subject heading lists published by OECD, HURIDOCS, IRDN, HRI, Council of Europe and others.

- Digital Libraries, Technologies and Organizational Impacts. The paper by Terry Kuny (Global Village Research and the National Library of Canada) was excellent but unavailable for distribution. One of his statements applies to libraries of all types:

We are in the business of knowledge creation, not data retrieval. The future belongs to those who control filtering, searching and sense making tools. This is the time to invest in people not technology. We need digital librarians. Without them, digital libraries are of no use.

- Co-operative Cataloguing Projects: Economic Benefits through Resource Sharing. Issues all the way from the commencement of China's cataloguing-in-publication; to Italian supply and exchange of cataloguing data; to potential for international co-operation were discussed.

- Copyright Questions in document Delivery and Interlending. While this session had a U.S. focus and

indeed the U.S. is working very hard on this issue with a real battle brewing between authors/publisher and libraries, there were applicable principles for Canada.

- A full day workshop on storytelling in a multicultural context was fascinating and included representation from Sweden, USA, Denmark, Germany, China, Greece, Spain, Thailand, Canada, and the Caribbean.

- A session on Reading included papers on Illiteracy in Greece; the juvenile reader in Russia; Improving reading guidance services for teenagers and children in China; and Libraries in Education in Poland.

- A session on School Libraries which included papers on China's primary and secondary school libraries

- Sessions on Management of Library Association, Internet, Information Technology, Multimedia resources and many others are too numerous to mention.

- The session on "Access to Human Rights Information" in which I was a presenter was well attended with significant interest demonstrated on this topic. However, China is sensitive on this topic and a little side drama concerning my materials in particular, occurred which ultimately involved both the U.S. and Canadian Embassies. I was told that there was some possibility of the disruption of my session, deportation or my arrest even though the session was formally in the program and had a technical/methodological focus rather than an activist or regional focus. Clearly, China is still very nervous about Human Rights issues, even when the focus is on methodology and access rather than activism or China specifically. The session did go smoothly.

Library Visits included a selection of "showpiece" libraries including Beijing No. 4 Middle School Library, the CPC Central Committee Party School Library; the China Ethnic Library and others. The Medical Library of the Chinese People's Liberation Army was a well equipped six story building complete with computers, audio-visual equipment and a language lab which featured American movies as an aid to learning English. One wonders what else they learned. It would have been interesting to get into some libraries not on the "scheduled list". But this seemed impossible.

Social events of the conference included a full course banquet in the Great Hall of the People at Tiananmen Square. Three thousand people were bussed in convoy -

all traffic had to wait - from the Conference Centre to the Great Hall. A multi-course, delicious dinner included such delicacies as sea slugs, eggs of squid soup and some unidentifiable dishes. A walk after dinner in the square amidst the kite flyers, roller bladers, remote car controllers, badminton players and families out for a stroll, revealed a very different square from the one in the news in 1989. No Goddess of Democracy graced the square but the Monument to the People's Heroes and the huge portrait of Mao are still there.

The conference made it clear that as we move towards the end of the century, libraries face new demands and challenges. At the same time society is reexamining the value of information as a component of the development process.

Indeed, libraries play an increasingly important role in the education of society through its schools, its public libraries and its services to various sectors of the populace. Libraries have an increasing role in the development of the intellectual capital of every country. Information is valuable as an economic resource and new technologies make it instantly and globally available. Librarians can use their information management skills to play a leading role in this new information environment. Despite the fact that the level of library development may differ from region to region and from country to country, there are still many common concerns which professionals and institutions in the library and information communities share. Nowadays, libraries in different countries must face and accept the challenges offered by new information technologies. At the same time these changes and favorable circumstances have also opened new possibilities and opportunities for library services. The 62nd IFLA Conference provided me with a valuable opportunity to exchange ideas and share experiences with professionals from different parts of the world. I look forward to contributing what I can in the areas of education, library, development, human rights, technology and other environments.

★NORTHWEST WPL BRANCH TO OPEN IN '97

Construction has begun for a new one-floor, 13,500 square foot library branch for the City's northwest sector. The site is located on the east side of Keewatin, south of Burrows. The branch is slated to open in early 1997.

The library was designed by Cooper Rankin Architects and will feature:

- possibly the only Canadian library with a drive-by window from which patrons will be able to pick up items being held for them;
- energy-efficient construction, including motion-sensor lighting;
- access and low shelving for people with disabilities;
- parking for 60 vehicles;
- a park-like, fully landscaped setting;
- full WWW access on selected pc's;
- study carrels and tables wired for laptop computers with modems, including direct connection to the WPL online catalogue or any local service provider;
- a full-equipped, bookable program & meeting room, cabled for telecommunications;
- a community art display;
- a collection of approximately 30,000 items including literacy materials, large print books, magazines, cassettes, CD's, videos, and electronic formats.

This project was recommended in the Library's last long range plan which was approved by Council in 1990. As directed by Council, the nearby Brooklands and McPhillips branches will be amalgamated into the new library.

In an era of rapidly expanding information technology, libraries planned with the next generation in mind provide access to a wide variety of materials in many formats, including the internet.

★OWL'S ROOST TO OPEN

One of the big advantages of the Owl's Roost libraries opening in Langham, Martensville, Aberdeen and Dundurn in Saskatchewan is the accessibility of Wheatland Library's extensive book collection, according to the Executive Director of the Wheatland Regional Library, Bruce Cameron. Bruce is a former Manitoban who takes unique steps to bring library and information services to small rural towns.

Later this fall, Wheatland will be setting up a dial-up service for patron searches. It was the first library system in Saskatchewan to install computers in 1978. The libraries have a web page at <http://www.wheatland.lib.sk.ca> and Bruce can be reached at bcameron@wheatland.lib.sk.ca or phone 306-652-5077.


★MMRC & WPL LINK UP

As announced in summer by City Council, a new partnership between the Manitoba Multicultural Resources Centre (MMRC) and the Winnipeg Public Library has begun.

Begun in 1983, the MMRC is an international resource centre, now located on the 2nd floor of the St. James-Assiniboia Library (1910 Portage Avenue), which helps create opportunities for intercultural communication.

Resources available include a listing of Manitoba's ethnocultural community groups, institutions and agencies; an educational video and activity guide for addressing issues of discrimination and intercultural communication; and a school-oriented intercultural program. The MMRC's phone number is 831-6672.

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM
HELPING CHILDREN BEAT THE ODDS




THERESA BENJAMIN
[HEALTH PROFESSIONAL]

Yesterday, she travelled 8 miles on foot, crossed 1 river by canoe, provided health counselling for 20 mothers, met with 40 traditional birth attendants, and immunized 100 children.
[It was an average day.]

Theresa lives in Freetown, Sierra Leone, where she is part of an international team of health professionals working to rid the world of six preventable child-killing diseases. **The odds can be beaten... and you can help.**

For more information on how you can help support this program, please contact:



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3. PUBLICATIONS:

★ITEC VIRTUAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

From: Gerald R. Brown <browner@cyberspc.mb.ca>

Announcing release of the ITEC Virtual Conference '96 Proceedings. Meeting the Minds: First Annual Conference.

In Australia, the Centre for Teacher Librarianship at Charles Sturt University coordinated the Teacher Librarian Strand of Information Technology Education Connection's international virtual conference/exhibition on schooling and the information superhighway in June 1996. The following 12 topics were explored:

1. Censorship and the Internet in Schools: Problems and Solutions
2. Hot Spots on the Web for Teacher Librarians
3. Children's Literature and the Internet
4. The Internet and the Teacher Librarian's Role in the School: Possible, Probable and Preferred Futures
5. Creating and Managing a Library Web Page: The Practicalities
6. What Students Produce from the Net: Assessing Their Work
7. Meeting the Professional Information Needs of Teacher Librarians
8. Home-School Links: Networking the Learning Community
9. Evaluating Internet Information Services
10. Access - Forget About Ownership ?
11. Cooperative Planning and Teaching: A Collaborative Teaching Model for the 21ST Century ?
12. Moving Around the Net: The Educational Potential of MOOs.

Each topic contains a series of papers and commentaries written and presented by key people from Australia, Canada, Iceland, New Zealand and the United States to explore the major concerns and issues, and generate discussion, regarding teaching /learning opportunities on the Internet, and the impact of the Internet on school library and information services.

Editors for the PROCEEDINGS are Lyn Hay and James Henri. Publisher is Australian School Library

Association. The cost is \$ US 25 or \$ CAN 35.00 packaging and shipping included in North America. Make cheques or money order payable to Gerald R. Brown Please include payment with the order. Address orders to Gerald R. Brown at the address below.

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★SCHOOL LIBRARIES WORLDWIDE

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School Libraries Worldwide, IASL's international journal for school librarianship, is issued twice yearly in January and July. The journal publishes new scholarly works, such as research reports and literature reviews. It also publishes a wide range of other textual materials of interest to the profession, such as standards for facilities or advocacy materials developed around the world.

Each issue of the journal has a theme but is limited to that theme. The editors particularly welcome submission of scholarly papers, commentary, and opinion that fall outside the scope of the themes announced in this call for papers. These are published in the "Of Special Interest" section of each journal.

January 1997 Action Research in School Librarianship

Dr. Anne Clyde, University of Iceland, will be the Guest Editor for this special issue. It will include an overview of action research and its relevance to the school library context, guidelines for planning and carrying out action research projects, and descriptions of sample action research projects.

Deadline for submissions: November 30, 1996.

July 1997 Technology: Potentials and Pitfalls

This issue will explore the costs and the benefits of technology in schools and school libraries. Possible topics include the conceptual demands of electronic and print resources, the economics of technology, impact of

technological globalization, initiatives in software development, gender issues in technology use, children's inter-action with technology, and implications of importing technological products and/or expertise.

Deadline for submissions: January 31, 1997.

January 1998 Power and Politics

This issue will focus on gaining support for school libraries and on implementing new or innovative school library programs. Possible topics include advocacy and lobbying, policy-making at school, regional or national levels, case studies of program implementation efforts, and use of consultants / experts.

Deadline for submissions: September 30, 1997.

Themes under consideration for future issues include: State-of-the-Art Reports on School Libraries from Around the World, The School Library and the Home, Education for School Librarianship, and Distance Education. Suggestions for other themes of interest to the profession are welcome.

Submissions and suggestions for the journal should be sent to:

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The Energy database produced by the Energy Technology Data Exchange is available online from DIALOG and STN, as well as on compact disk from SilverPlatter. For more information see our homepage on the Web at www.etde.org or email mnason@emr.ca or fax (613) 952-2587.

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4. CALENDAR

★OCTOBER 24 1996 CASLIS

CASLIS Manitoba presents a Micromedia/Silverplatter update on Thursday October 24th from 10:30 to 12:30 in the Main Floor Assembly Room, Centennial Public Library, 251 Donald Street (use the entrance in the lobby).

The speakers are Gary Gibson from Micromedia and Grace Fauver from Silverplatter.

The fee is \$5.00 for members and "others" \$8.00 (please pay at the door).

Please pre-register with Carole Rogers no later than Friday, October 18. Phone 488-3119 or email jrogers@cc.umantioba.ca

★NOVEMBER 30 1996 MALT

The Manitoba Association of Library Technicians (MALT) celebrates 25 years with a gala dinner!

Where: Saturday November 30, 1996
Prairie Lights Restaurant
Red River Community College

When: Cocktails 6:30 PM
Dinner 7:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Carol Matas

To reserve tickets, phone: Paula Kulbaba 984-5621 or Mary Wolke 582-2022

Vegetarian meal available on request.

DEADLINE for ordering tickets is November 15, 1996.

★JULY 6 - 11 1997 IASL

The IASL/ATLC Conference will be held in Vancouver, Canada, July 6 - 11, 1997 with the theme, Bridging the Gap: Information Rich but Knowledge Poor. This is an international conference.

Sponsored jointly by The International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) and the Association for Teacher-Librarianship in Canada (ATLC), this conference, through workshops and the presentation of research and professional papers, will explore the opportunities and challenges facing both schools and school libraries.

Highlights will include:

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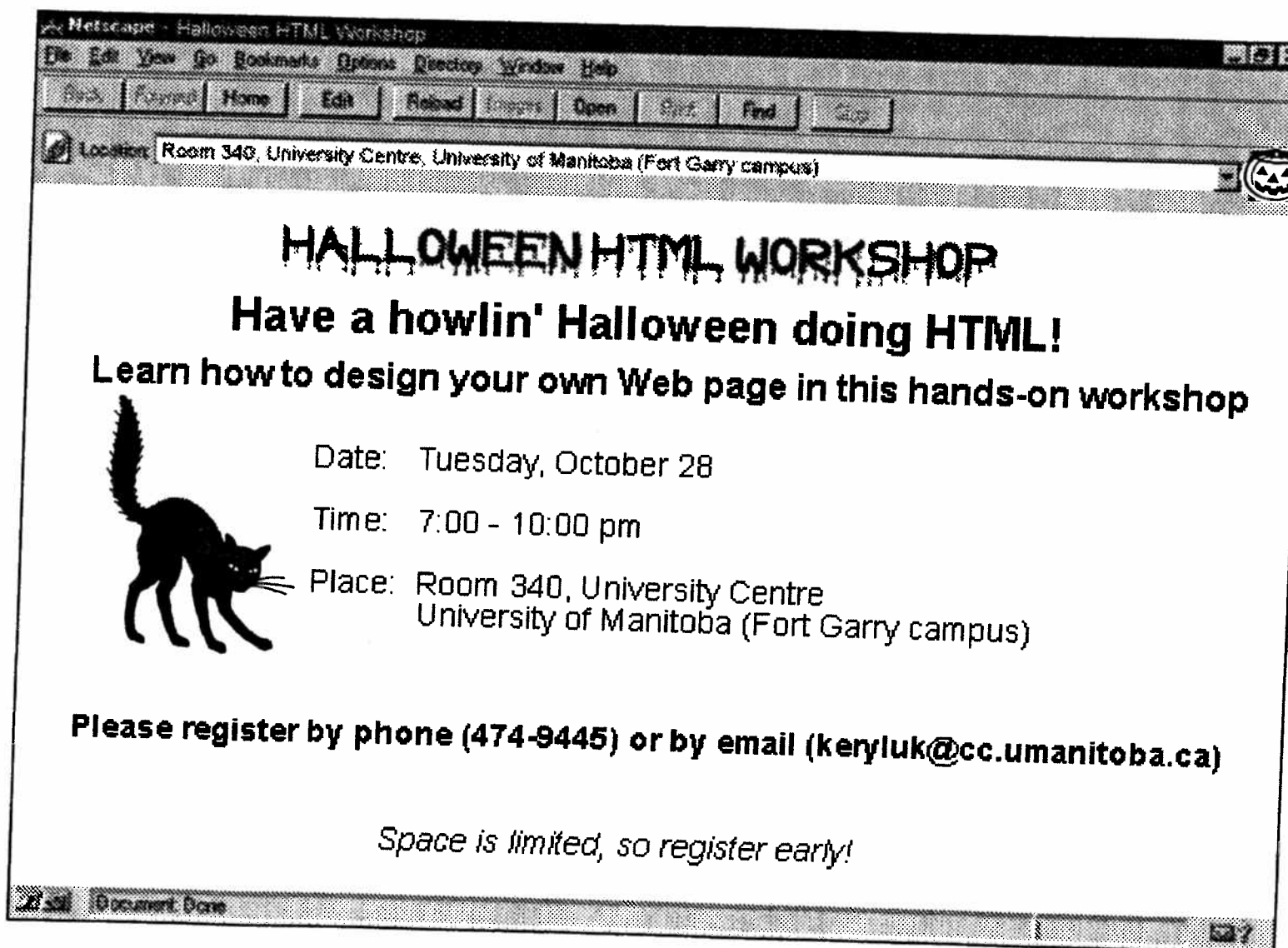
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