

NEWSLINE

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I. MLA NEWS:

★PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From: Paul Nielson <pnielson@freenet.mb.ca>

A dazzling and dizzying abundance of information surrounds us today. In the midst of this plenty, however, there are many troubling questions.

Manitoba Library Association (MLA) and the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba (PCWM) are sponsoring a series of seven in-depth panels/town hall meetings -- the first of their kind in Manitoba -- to explore the following:

Are the highly complex issues facing Canadian society being debated fully and fairly enough or are they being simplified, sensationalized and manipulated?

Is adequate, timely, critical information available to decide public issues properly or is information being shaped and selected, or kept secret and inaccessible?

Are we educating informed, concerned citizens with the skills to find and evaluate information or are we creating apathetic, ignorant and alienated citizens who are easy prey for info-tainment?

Do our leaders and politicians respect our views or are they using polling, focus groups and message management techniques to play with our emotions and prejudices?

The panelists have been carefully selected to include not only the best available experts on the subject but also to provide balance and a variety of points of view.

Thought-provoking questions have been sent to each panelist and are included in this newslite for your consideration as well.

If you look carefully, you will discover that the principles and techniques of library science underlie the structure of all these panels.

Please attend as many of these events as possible and participate actively in the discussions.

P.S. The Provincial Council of Women will also be appealing to their membership to attend these meetings. The Council is also deeply committed to the free flow of timely, quality information and democratic discussion. Elizabeth Fleming of the Council has been a wonderful partner in the planning and implementing of these meetings. Please welcome our "partners" in this worthy cause if you should meet them during the week.

2. NEWS:

★OBITUARY - MYRNA ANNE FRIESEN

Myrna Anne Friesen passed away February 21, 1997 at the Victoria Hospital after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Her funeral was held at the Rosenort Evangelical Mennonite Church, Rosenort, Manitoba, on February 26, 1997.

Myrna was a well-respected, much-loved member of the SBC/SCHS community (Steinbach Bible College/Steinbach Christian High School). Her work there began in 1969 as secretary/receptionist and moved to part-time teaching in the high school. In 1973, she also accepted responsibilities in the library. After completing her Master's degree in Library Science in 1985, she became the first full-time librarian for the school. During her years as librarian, she was instrumental in planning for the new facility built in 1988 and in the rapid growth of the collection. She was totally dedicated to her job and thoroughly enjoyed her work.

All of us in the SBC/SCHS community feel the loss of Myrna's presence, not only in the library, but throughout the campus. She was a friend to co-workers and to students. We all deeply miss her. We commit her to the joys of heaven in the presence of our Lord.

- Steinbach Bible College Staff

★COPYRIGHT ALERT

From: Lois MacKenzie <mackenz@caut.ca>

A joint communique from the following associations follows:

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
Association pour l'avancement des sciences et des

techniques de la documentation
Association of Canadian Community Colleges
Canadian Alliance of Student Associations
Canadian Association of Broadcasters
Canadian Association of Research Libraries
Canadian Association of University Teachers
Canadian Booksellers Association
Canadian Library Association
Canadian School Boards Association
Canadian Teachers' Federation
Conference of Rectors and Principals of Quebec
Universities
Federation quebecoise des professeures et professeurs
d'universit's

COMMUNIQUE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Educators, students, librarians, booksellers and broadcasters join forces to urge the Senate to amend the Copyright Bill

(Ottawa, March 25, 1997) -- Thirteen organizations representing universities, community colleges, school boards, libraries, educators, students, booksellers and broadcasters today declared that they oppose Bill C-32, An Act to Amend the Copyright Act, in its current form. The organizations are asking senators to amend the bill in order to restore balance between creators and users of copyright works.

When Bill C-32 was tabled in April 1996, Heritage Minister Sheila Copps and Industry Minister John Manley wrote that "the bill will achieve a fair balance between the rights of those who create works, and the needs of those who use them." The bill, as passed by the House, does not meet the ministers' pledge.

Amendments by the Canadian Heritage Committee to the education and library exceptions have significantly shifted the balance in favour of publishers and licensing collectives. Amendments aimed at addressing the concerns of the broadcasting industry fall well short of the government's commitment and also have the effect of tilting the balance in favour of collectives.

The 13 organizations urge the Senate to modify Bill C-32:

* by removing unreasonable restrictions on a number of education, library and broadcasting exceptions. These exceptions, for example, allowed a teacher to make an overhead copy for display to students, a library to make a copy to replace damaged or lost pages of a rare or unpublished work in its collection and a broadcaster to

make a temporary copy of a program for later broadcast in a different time zone. In the bill as passed by the House, these exceptions do not apply whenever a copy can be made for a fee through collective licensing. "This essentially makes the exceptions meaningless," the organizations say.

* by removing the restrictions on the importation of books including used textbooks. The bill originally restricted the importation of books by libraries, booksellers and educational institutions, but allowed the importation of any used books. The Canadian Heritage Committee compounded the problem by amending the bill to restrict the importation of used textbooks of a scientific, technical and scholarly nature, but not other used books. "This unfair restriction must be reversed to ensure that Canadian students will continue to have access to affordable used textbooks," declare the organizations.

The bill has been tabled in the Senate for possible consideration after the Parliamentary Easter break.

For more information, contact:

Canadian Library Association
Karen Adams Tel: (613) 232-9625, ext. 306

★JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

We are looking for a dynamic individual to assist in the Firm library's project of retrospective conversion. Under the direction of the Librarian, the successful candidate is expected to search databases, edit cataloguing records and reorganize the library collection. An M.L.I.S. or M.L.S. degree or equivalent years of library experiences is required. Knowledge and experience with database management programs and cataloguing are highly desirable. Knowledge of DB/TextWorks or similar PC-based library systems preferred. Ability to work independently as well as in a team environment is required. This is a 5-month full-time term position with possible start date on May 1, 1996.

Interested applicants should submit their resumes and salary expectations to:

Supervisor, Services
Aikins MacAulay & Thorvaldson
30th floor - 360 Main Street
Winnipeg, MB R3C 4G1
Fax (204)957-0840

★LIBRARIES HARMONIZE

The British Library, Library of Congress, and National Library of Canada achieve a major milestone in format harmonization.

The British Library (BL), the Library of Congress (LC), and the National Library of Canada (NLC) have reached a major milestone in the harmonization of their MARC formats. Agreement has been attained on full harmonization of USMARC and CAN/MARC. In addition, a technical meeting held at LC in January 1997 made significant progress on alignment with UKMARC.

The benefits of a harmonized format include easier and more efficient record exchange between the users and producers of MARC records, elimination of the need for conversion programs, and potential reductions in the expense of format maintenance and documentation.

Whereas full harmonization of USMARC and CAN/MARC has been accomplished, the three libraries recognize that UKMARC must retain certain features of particular value to the UKMARC user community, and therefore full harmonization is not achievable in the short term. Partial alignment is being pursued immediately with full harmonization as a long-term goal. Meetings of representatives of the BL, LC and NLC were held in Washington on December 2, 1996 and February 18, 1997. It was agreed that over the next few months, LC and NLC will formulate mechanisms for the coordination and approval of future format development as well as determine a schedule for implementation. To facilitate the continuation of the harmonization process with UKMARC, a MARC Harmonization Coordinating Committee was also established. The committee is interested in the following developments:

- Coordinating new developments in the UKMARC and harmonized USMARC and CAN/MARC formats;
- Seeking further opportunities for harmonization of the two formats;
- Ensuring that future development of the formats takes into consideration other international standards;
- Exploring the impact of changing technology on MARC formats.

In addition, a technical panel will meet regularly to discuss issues relating to the formats.

For more information, please contact:
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★CHANGING ROLE FOR UNION LISTS

From: Michelle M. Gagnon <mgagnon@fox.cisti.nrc.ca>

CISTI and the National Library of Canada (NLC) are making changes in their roles with respect to union lists of serials.

Since 1975, CISTI has maintained the Union List of Scientific Serials in Canadian Libraries, processing holdings reports for serials in science, technology and medicine submitted by 320 Canadian libraries. At the same time, the National Library has maintained the Union List of Social Sciences and Humanities Serials in Canadian Libraries, processing holdings reports for serials in the social sciences and humanities submitted by some 400 Canadian libraries.

Over the years the information compiled for both union lists has been available in print and microfiche formats, through access to AMICUS, the National Library's online database, and more recently through Romulus, a CD-ROM product that incorporates the two union lists with interlibrary loan directory information.

In light of budgetary pressures and a refocusing of its business priorities, CISTI has decided to withdraw from the union list activity. The timetable has been accelerated by a parallel decision to move from AMICUS to an integrated system for acquisitions, cataloguing, serials control and circulation at CISTI. (See page 1 for more information about CISTI's new catalogue)

CISTI will continue to contribute records for its own holdings to the AMICUS database each week, but with the termination of online input to AMICUS, it will discontinue adding new records and holdings submitted by libraries that previously reported to the Union List of Scientific Serials in Canadian Libraries.

CISTI and the National Library are in the process of examining the implications of these changes and individual libraries that are affected will be contacted.

A number of print and microfiche union list products will be discontinued:

- * the National Library will cease production of CANUC:S after the March 1997 issue
- * CISTI has ceased publication of the print and microfiche formats of the Union List of Scientific Serials in Canadian Libraries
- * CISTI will discontinue the publication of Canadian Locations of Serials Indexed in MEDLINE with the 25th edition in 1997.

Resources at the National Library of Canada will be focused on maintaining the AMICUS database as an effective tool for the support of interlibrary loan, and, in partnership with CISTI, continuing the production of Romulus. CISTI will focus its resources on managing its collection, developing electronic publishing products and services, and enhancing its document delivery infrastructure, including support for DOCLINE, to ensure the availability in Canada of worldwide scientific, technical and medical information.

For more information, call Suzanne Bureau at 1-800-668-1222 or (613) 993-9029.

★CISTI AGREEMENT WITH CONSORTIUMS

From: Michelle M. Gagnon <mgagnon@fox.cisti.nrc.ca>

University libraries are using innovative ways to provide information to their students and faculty to make the most of limited resources. Two university library consortiums, representing 33 libraries, have signed a two-year agreement with CISTI which entitles them to preferred access and fees for information services.

The two consortiums are the Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries, which includes universities in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and the Association of Atlantic Universities Librarian's Council, which includes New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. Last year, CISTI signed a similar, precedent-setting agreement with the Quebec-based university library consortium, la Conférence des recteurs et des principaux des universités du Québec.

The agreement offers:

- * an assurance that CISTI will maintain its world-class collection of scientific, technical and medical journals, books, conference proceedings and technical reports, to meet the continuing needs of the libraries
- * copies of articles from CISTI's collection at a discount
- * an option for customized access, at a preferred rate, to SwetScan, an electronic table-of-contents service for 14,000 journals in all subjects

★UML WIN MCCLELLAND & STEWART AWARD

The Libraries Exhibits Committee at the University of Manitoba Libraries has won an award for mounting the best exhibit in honour of McClelland and Stewart's 90th anniversary celebration of Canadian publishing. The award was in the form of a complete set of 99 softcover books in the New Canadian Library for the Libraries' collection and a plaque to mark the occasion, which was presented to the Committee on February 27, 1997 by Frank Nolan, M&S Trade Sales Representative in Winnipeg.

The display competition was open to libraries across Canada during 1996; the Libraries' display was up from September 12 to November 25. There were 10 serious contenders shortlisted for the award, all of which received consolation prizes. According to the judges of the competition, the Libraries' exhibit "both in terms of the display itself and the documents that were created to accompany it - was the clear winner."

3. PUBLICATIONS:

★FREEBIE ALERT!

The Canadian Wheat Board Library has the following book available on a first-come, first-served basis:

Agricultural Information Resource Centers: A World Directory 1990/ Rita Fisher, et al. -- Urbana IL: IAALD, CTA, 1990.

Call Lucy Emond at 204 983-3437 or Fax at 204 983-4031 by April 30, 1997.

★MORE FREEBIES!!!

The Engineering Library, University of Manitoba, has the 1992 *Thomas Register* waiting for you, all 26 volumes! However, you must pay for any transportation costs, or drop by during the next blizzard!

Please phone Paula Meyer at 204 474-6360 or Fax at 204 261-9234 until April 30, 1997 when they will be given a suitable send-off...

4. CALENDAR:

★APRIL 21, 1997 INFORMATION RIGHTS WEEK

Sponsored by the Manitoba Library Association and the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba...

ADMISSION FREE -- EVERYONE WELCOME

Information rights are about equal and timely access to public information for all citizens.

"Knowledge will forever govern ignorance: And a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power that knowledge gives." [James Madison]

GUIDELINES FOR PANELISTS:

These are included here so you will all have some idea of the operations of the sessions and the instructions the panelists are working with.

The panels will begin with an opening statement from each panelist of from 5 to 10 minutes.

Please try to avoid undue repetition if you substantially agree with the remarks of a previous panelist. After the opening round of statements, the moderator will allow interaction among the panelists as well as audience participation.

We will be recording the panels and a report on each panel will be posted to newsgroups on the internet (wpg.politics, man.politics) as well as the MLA and other

appropriate e-mail lists. If you can, please leave us with a copy of your remarks or speaking notes just after the event as well as any further comments/revisions that arise from the discussion.

We will send you a copy of the report. We will also try to formulate recommendations from these townhall meetings to forward to the three levels of government and the political parties. We will not use your name without permission. We will be asking other organizations to join us in endorsing these recommendations.

**PANEL DISCUSSION #1 - 7 p.m. Monday, April 21
Centennial Library Auditorium - 251 Donald Street**

"Politics: Market Place of Ideas or Political Theatre?"

Can the decision-making process move away from the constant dangers of lobbying, patronage, propaganda, secrecy and partisanship to a more full, open and honest discussion of the issues?

- Professor Ken Gibbons, U of W (Moderator)
- Len Jacobson, Keystone Agriculture Producers
- Dan Kelly, Can Independent Fed. of Business
- Ian MacIntyre, Manitoba Teachers' Society
- Jim Silver, Choices

PANEL 1 QUESTIONS

Does the government consult fully and widely enough, i.e. with adequate information about its proposals and past record on the issue?

Are you able to make your case or countercase to government in time to influence its decision?

Do the media help you to convey your message on issues to the public or do you have to use other methods of communication?

Will the new information technology raise the level of public debate through greater accessibility to, and, variety of in-depth information, and, through enhanced communication and discussion?

Can the decision-making process move away from the constant dangers of lobbying, patronage, propaganda, secrecy and partisanship to a more full, open, fair and honest discussion on the issues?

**PANEL DISCUSSION #2 - 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22
Centennial Library Auditorium - 251 Donald Street**

"The Role of the Public Servant in Releasing Government Information and Discussing Issues"

Are public servants to be held to an oath of secrecy? Can they participate in debates and discussions as citizens too? Do we need American style whistle-blowing legislation to protect the rights of public servants to divulge critical information?

- Professor Bill Neville, U of Manitoba (Moderator)
- Peter Olfert, Man Govt Employees Union
- Paul Moist, Can Union Public Employees, Loc 500
- Peter Holle, Prairie Research Centre
- Lawrie Cherniak, Labour lawyer
- Councillor Glen Murray

QUESTIONS FOR PANEL 2

Will the new information technology (e.g. one stop shopping service windows to all government information, websites, e-mail, mailing lists and newsgroups for discussion, faxback) improve the quality, quantity and speed of government information released by civil servants to the public?

In this new environment, will civil servants be held to the traditional strict oath of secrecy and deference to higher authority for decision-making, or will they be more and more empowered to release information on their own cognizance in accordance with the provisions of freedom of information legislation and government communications and customer service policies?

How free are civil servants to participate in public debates and elections? What are the limits?

Given the problems in the flow of critical information up the hierarchy, to the proper authorities, and to the public, as brought out by the inquiries into the Headingley jail riot, Somalia peace mission, blood supply contamination, and city assessment procedures, do civil servants need the protection and guidance of whistle-blowing legislation to enable them to divulge critical information to independent oversight authorities (inspector generals, auditors, ombudsmen, conflict of interest commissioners, legislative committees)?

Are civil servants and their unions defenders of the public interest or just another special interest group?

**PANEL DISCUSSION #3 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 23
Centennial Library Auditorium - 251 Donald Street**

"Environment as a Case Study for Information Accessibility"

Environmental impact assessments are required to be conducted with full access to information and citizen participation. Is this a model for other sectors of society -- social, economic, etc?

- Marlene Roy, Intl Inst for Sust Dev (Moderator)
- Norm Brandson, Deputy Minister, Man Env't
- Glen Koroluk, Environmental Researcher
- Hon. Jim McCrae, Member, Manitoba Round Table on the Environment and Economy
- Elizabeth Fleming, Provl Council of Women of Man

PANEL 3 QUESTIONS

The Environment Act has been in effect since March 31, 1988.

Its principles and guidelines also inform the proposed Sustainable Development Act.

How well are the following public information and participation components of the Environment Act working and how can they be improved?

- 1) *Proponent of any proposal must provide a clear and complete description of the proposal and its impacts (with support from department staff).*
- 2) *The public in the region affected are notified and have convenient access to the full proposal for review in a local public library at the same time as departmental staff.*
- 3) *If there are significant questions raised by either public or departmental staff, further reviews ranging from a formal environmental impact statement to public hearings by the Clean Environment Commission, an independent regulatory body, can be invoked.*
- 4) *If a proposal is granted a license, the proponent must still meet limits, terms and conditions subject to reporting (self-monitoring) and inspection.*

5) *The department reports on the state of the overall environment every two years and develops regulations and standards in a public consultation process.*

6) *A database (public registry) is maintained centrally with full documentation and access by a variety of identifying descriptors.*

7) *The public is encouraged to become environmentally aware, involved and informed through all of the above and through environmental education as well.*

8) *The process is expedited and not delayed unduly lasting from 8 to 23 weeks in most cases.*

Further questions:

Will this model work as well when economic criteria are added in?

Could this model be applied in other fields where criteria are more difficult to measure: health, education, justice, culture, budget?

Do citizens have enough expertise to evaluate the information and should they be allowed to hire their own experts at public expense?

Do environmentalists and the media abuse the process by using information to create controversy?

Do proponents abuse the process in anyway?

Is the process efficient and cost-effective?

**PANEL DISCUSSION #4 - 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24
University Women's Club - 54 West Gate**

"The Role of Education in Creating Informed, Concerned Citizens"

What is the role of education and academic experts in raising the level of debate and developing critical skills in future voters?

- Professor Deloyd Guth, U of Man (Moderator)
- David Matas, Human rights lawyer
- Ron Kirbyson, History teacher and author
- Professor Curtis Nordman, University of Winnipeg
- Judith Dueck, School librarian

PANEL 4 QUESTIONS

Does the current K-12 curriculum foster the necessary civics and information skills to be an informed, critical, concerned citizen?

In what way does it fall short: amount of time spent, teaching methods, course content, inappropriate age level, etc.?

Can the teacher and his/her students enter the public arena and participate in discussions/actions as a demonstration of the skills needed?

Is the critical use of the internet and other new information technologies adequately taught as a source of information, communication and action?

Can the teacher and his/her students enter the public arena and participate in discussions/actions as a demonstration of the skills needed?

How great is the danger of the teacher imparting bias?

What other techniques/institutions can be used to accomplish greater civic spirit and awareness (e.g. lifelong learning)?

What other influences in society prevent the development of the necessary civic skills and attitudes?

**PANEL DISCUSSION #5 - NOON, Friday, April 25
Centennial Library Auditorium - 251 Donald Street**

"Shaping the News: Government, Opposition Parties and the Media"

- Professor Paul Thomas, U of Man (Moderator)
- Arlene Billinkoff, former columnist, Wpg Free Press
- Kirk Williams, CBC-TV Legislative reporter
- David Hickey, Communications staff - Liberal
- Terry Goertzen, former Communications staff - NDP
- Barbara Biggar, Biggar Ideas (former Director of Cabinet Communications Secretariat, Filmon Government)

QUESTIONS FOR PANEL 5

Is the government information released to the media and the opposition too selective and too supportive of the government's position?

Do the media and the opposition have the time, the access to information, the budget, the skills to evaluate the above information?

Do the media and the opposition concentrate too much on the sensational, the bad news, personality, and the scandalous in covering events and issues?

Does the media encourage the reader to delve further into issues by telling them where to go to get further information or does it present most news stories as complete in themselves?

What is the role of polling, focus groups and spin doctors in shaping the messages of politicians? If government conducts such polling "research", should it be immediately available to the media and opposition? (e.g. The Government of Saskatchewan releases all government polls quarterly)

Will the media, the government and the opposition use the new information technology for quicker, fuller, wider access to information or just greater spin control?

Does our political culture have the attention span, the tolerance and the debating skills to discuss issues in greater depth and complexity?

Has the freedom of information legislation helped you in your quest for information?

**PANEL DISCUSSION #6 - 9 a.m. - NOON, Saturday,
April 26 Eckhardt-Gramatte Hall - University of
Winnipeg 515 Portage Avenue**

"Freedom of Information"

How effective are the federal, provincial and municipal Freedom of Information Acts in giving citizens timely access to critical information?

- Paul Nielson, President, MLA (Moderator)
- J. Alan Leadbeater, Deputy Information Commissioner of Canada
- Barry Tuckett, Ombudsman Manitoba
- Virginia Menzies, Ombudsman, City of Winnipeg
- Paul Samyn, Legislative reporter, Wpg Free Press
- Cec Rosner, CBC-TV, I-team Producer

**PANEL DISCUSSION #7 - 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday,
April 26 Eckhardt-Gramatte Hall - University of
Winnipeg 515 Portage Avenue**

**"A New Horizon for Access to Information and Citizen
Participation on the Information Highway"**

- Steve Clift, Director, Northstar Project of the
Minnesota Government
- Sheldon Mains, Minnesota E-Democracy

will discuss the most developed model of a working
electronic democracy.

Acknowledgements for Venues:
University Women's Club and Winnipeg Public Library

For more information - posters, brochures - call:
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Elizabeth Fleming (204) 488-0592

**★APRIL 23, 1997 9 - 11:30am
CASLIS WORKSHOP**

CASLIS Manitoba presents a seminar on **BUSINESS &
LEGAL RESEARCH VIA THE INTERNET**, the Revenue
Canada Library Experience

*(note: a Diskette with the Internet sites covered will be
provided to each participant)*

Speaker: **Kim Roebuck** - Revenue Canada Librarian,
Winnipeg Tax Services Office

Where: The University of Manitoba DOWNTOWN,
400 Webb Place

Admission: CASLIS members - \$5.00; Others - \$8.00
PLEASE PAY AT DOOR

Registration required no later than noon, **MONDAY,
APRIL 21st, 1997** with Sheila Andrich - 474-9976
e-mail - andrich@cc.umanitoba.ca or fax# 261-9282

**★APRIL 23, 1997
CANADA BOOK DAY**

The Writers Development Trust invites libraries to join
in the Celebrations of Canada Book Day, April 23. The
days slogan is Give One, Get One, Read One, in keeping
with the concept of the day as a gift-giving day, a day

when Canadians are encouraged to give books as
presents.

A number of major noon-time events are planned for
Canada Book Day Celebrations in major centres across
the country, with the assistance of major sponsors CBC
Radio, Bravo!, Vickers & Benson, Stoddart Publishing,
and The Canada Council. Canada Book Day organizers
invite libraries to join in a day that promotes reading,
literacy and Canadian Literature.

Suggestions for library and school participation include :
Reading Contests with book prizes ; A visit from a
Canadian writer; A Canadian book display ; Bookmark
designing contest . A complete list of event suggestions,
as well as posters, stickers and bookmarks are available
from the Writers Development Trust, 416-504-8222, fax
416-504-9090.

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**★APRIL 25, 1997
MHLA SPRING CONFERENCE**

From: J.W. Crane Library <jwclib@pangea.ca>

WHERE: Deer Lodge Centre, Multi-purpose Room
(2nd Floor Administration Building)
2109 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba

WHEN: Friday, April 25, 1997 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Morning Session 9:00 a.m.
Evidence-Based Medicine for Library and Healthcare
Professionals
Presenter: **Jessie McGowan**

Course Description:
This course will discuss the advantages of the practice of
Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM). As the EBM
methodology is becoming increasingly implemented in

health science disciplines, it is important to understand this methodology and how it can improve the ways in which we teach, train, search, research and provide services. This course will identify and review the major impacts that result from this shift towards the EBM philosophy. The course will also answer the questions: 1) what is EBM 2) Why should librarians and healthcare professionals be involved in EBM: and 3) Where do I find EMB resources?

The modes of teaching will include lecture, group discussion, and small group exercises. Participants will receive practical handouts.

Lunch and Annual General Meeting

Afternoon Session 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Designing Publications with Panache : Basic Design Principles for Desktop Publishing.
Presenter: Bruce Gillespie, Instructor, Advertising Art Program, Red River Community College

Course Description:

Participants will be introduced to fundamental graphic design principles and techniques in order to enhance brochures, posters and other promotional material. Examples of promotional material, before and after, will be provided.

Presentors:

Jessie McGowan is the Manager of the Library at the Ottawa General Hospital, and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Ottawa. Her research interests include search strategy development and the application of evidence-based medicine.

Bruce Gillespie has worked in the visual communication industry for 20 years: in publication design, retail advertising, and package design. He is currently an instructor in the Red River Community College Advertising Art program.

For further information, or to request a registration package, please contact:

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**★MAY 9, 1997
MALT SPRING WORKSHOP**

From: hengel@MINET.gov.MB.CA and Mary Wolke
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Manitoba Association of Library Technicians (MALT) is sponsoring a Computer Maintenance and Troubleshooting Workshop in conjunction with its Annual General Meeting for 1996/97.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND, NOT JUST MALT MEMBERS!

Date: Friday, May 9, 1997

Time: 9 AM to 4 PM

Place: Viscount Gort Hotel, 1670 Portage Avenue

Presenter: Joe Dobrowolny, Computer Consultant. Joe teaches courses at U of M, U of W, Red River College and is very knowledgeable about computer systems and programs.

This workshop is designed to help those of us who work with an automated system in a library setting. Joe will discuss both hardware and software, systems, networks and programs. He will give us some tips about which problems we can fix ourselves, and which we need expert help for; if we can deal with it ourselves, what should we do, how do we check? It should be very informative.

Registration is \$30 for MALT members/\$40 for non-members. For further information or to send registrations, contact Mary Wolke, 534 BASSWOOD PL., WPG. R3G 2T2

Registration may be made by phone: 582-2022

fax: 582-6272

email: mwolke@minet.gov.mb.ca

but cheques must be received by April 25th in order to guarantee you a place. Hope to see you there!

Lunch is on your own. Handouts will be provided. MALT's Annual General Meeting will follow at 4:30 PM. At 5:30, the cash bar will open, and at 6 PM there is a dinner for an additional cost of \$25.00. It should be a very pleasant evening. Everyone is welcome!

★MAY 22 - 24, 1997

From: Sue Bishop <sbishop@chc.gov.mb.ca>

Conference May 22, 23, 24 1997 - MAKE ART, GET WIRED, GET PAID

The conference season is opening up for the spring. Among the local events this year is a special event designed to bring together a dynamic mix of creative artists, technical wizards, and legal experts to explore the leading edge of art and copyright in the electronic age.

Make art, get wired, get paid is a three-day conference to be held in Winnipeg on May 22, 23, and 24, 1997. The conference program is still being fine-tuned but so far it includes opportunities for hands-on training seminars in computer graphics, web page design, and animation; conference sessions on electronic archiving, copyright collectives, and online commerce; an "Ask a Lawyer" luncheon; and keynote speaker Douglas Coupland (author of Generation X and microserfs).

Registration fee will be \$125.00.

More detailed information will be available soon. Stay tuned! Or contact the conference director by e-mail: make_art@mb.sympatico.ca

★JULY 6 - 11, 1997

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BRIDGING THE GAP: INFORMATION RICH BUT KNOWLEDGE POOR?

An international conference, sponsored jointly by The International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) and the Association for Teacher-Librarianship in Canada (ATLC), to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada July 6 to 11, 1997.

OFFICIAL AIRLINE NAMED

CANADIAN AIRLINES INTERNATIONAL and its regional partners have been selected as the official airline for the Bridging the Gap Conference.

NORTH AMERICAN DELEGATES The Conventionair Reservations Office will guarantee you 15% off the full economy and business fares when you travel within Canada to the Bridging the Gap Conference, or 35% off the full economy fares within Canada with a 2-night minimum stay and 7-day advance purchase. Cancellation and rebooking penalties apply. Advance purchase fares offer even greater savings! Should you qualify, you will be offered the lowest available fare at time of booking (certain restrictions apply). American delegates, travelling on Canadian Airlines scheduled flights only and code shared CP5000/6000 series, will be offered 15% off full business class, 10% off full economy return fares, or 5% off any applicable advance purchase fares (certain restrictions apply). Simply contact Canadian Airlines Conventionair Office toll-free at 1-800-665-5554 and say that you will be attending the Bridging the Gap Conference, July 6-11, 1997 in Vancouver. The file registration number is M 01178. If you are making your reservations through your local travel agent, please ensure the agent registers your booking with Canadian Airline's Conventionair Office.

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Make your plans now to take advantage of these offers and to make sure you arrive in Vancouver in plenty of time to register and attend the Opening Ceremonies and Welcome Reception starting at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, July 6!!

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Conference Registration Packages were mailed to all IASL and ATLC members (and to those who had already requested one) in February, 1997. Non-members may request a Registration Package by sending name, address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address to:

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Electronic registration for the Conference and bookings for accommodation on the UBC campus may be made through the UBC web site at <http://www.conferences.ubc.ca/register.html>

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of the Century blew it off course & it had to be
done evenings!!!*