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1. NEWS:

✧ MANITOBA LITERARY AWARDS

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The Manitoba Literary Awards Committee is getting ready to start meeting again for the 1998 Awards year. For the 1997 Awards year I was the committee's MLA representative. I am unable to continue on the committee this year so another MLA representative is required.

The committee will meet probably three times in the next year and the Awards event itself will be on Saturday 24 April 1998 at the Winnipeg Art Gallery, as in the previous years. The MLA representative's obligations in being on the committee are to attend the several meetings and offer ideas or just listen. Judging of the books in the various categories is carried out by an independent jury and is not the work of the committee.

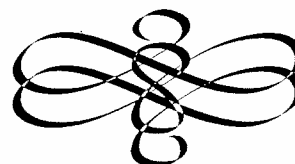
Please contact me if you are interested in being involved with the Manitoba Literary Awards. It's a wonderful chance to become involved in Manitoba's literary community, especially

with local authors, publishers, the MB Writers' Guild, and the Association of MB Book Publishers. Involvement can be as great or as little as you choose. You can attend all the readings and the awards, or just take part in the committee meetings.

I can be reached at home at (204) 474-2435 in Winnipeg or at work (below). Please do call if you'd like to be on the committee or if you first want more information.

Thank you.

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★ 1998 WORST SERIAL TITLE CHANGES

The "Asian Crisis Award" goes to *Asia-Pacific magazine* (1997), published by Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University. This title continues *New Asia-Pacific review* (1996-97), which is the offspring of *New Asia review* (summer 1994-spring 1996), and the original *Asia-Pacific magazine* (Apr.-June 1996), both having a brief life-span. What goes around comes around. How true.

The "Healthy Choice (NOT) Award" nods to *Nutrition forum* (Amherst, N.Y.), published by: Prometheus Books, for changing back to its original title: *Nutrition forum* (Philadelphia, Pa.), after a short life (3 issues, Sept./Oct. 1996-Jan./Feb. 1997) under the name: *Nutrition & health forum*. Do they think health has NOTHING to do with nutrition?

The "No Business is Bad Business Award" is earned by UCLA Anderson Forecasting Project for its *UCLA Anderson forecast for the nation and California*; formerly: *UCLA business forecast for the nation and California*. Thanks, but No thanks for this most notable reduction in meaningfulness of title word.

The "I Want to Live, or, Walking Dead Award" belongs to *Transactions of the Faculty of Actuaries*, published by Faculty of Actuaries in Scotland. This title is supposed to have merged with *Journal of the Institute of Actuaries* to become *British actuarial journal* in 1995, but guess what? It came back to haunt us with nos. 285-286 in 1997, even though v. 3, pt. 4 (1997) issue of *British actuarial journal* still says on cover: "incorporating *Journal of the Institute of Actuaries* and *Transactions of the Faculty of Actuaries*." Welcome to the serials Twilight Zone!

No one is more deserving of the "Most Miss-Guided Award" than Peterson's Guides for dropping the word "guide" from 7 of its guides title:

- *Peterson's graduate and professional programs*;
- *Peterson's graduate programs in business, education, health, information studies, law & social work*.
- *Peterson's graduate programs in engineering and applied sciences*.
- *Peterson's graduate programs in the biological sciences*.
- *Peterson's graduate programs in the humanities, arts, & social sciences*.
- *Peterson's graduate programs in the physical sciences, mathematics & agricultural sciences*.
- *Peterson's private secondary schools*. Practically, all these have merged to form: PETERSON'S GUIDE TO FRUSTRATION (or, Peterson's frustration?)

"The Medieval Torture in Electronic Age Award" finds its winner in the *Medieval review*, formerly *BMMR*. This e-journal changed title with July 19 97 issue but carried with it ALL the previous issues under the old title. This weird behavior caused CONSER to come up with a brand new solution: "Incorporating entry." What more can we say?

The "Snake in the Grass Award," a.k.a. "E-dentity Crisis Award" is presented to *UCLA library staff newsweb*, an electronic newsletter published by UCLA Library Administration Office. In its nominator's (Michael Randall) words:

"After a staid and responsible publishing history of almost 33 years, the digital age wreaked havoc upon the Library Newsletter/ULCA. A new electronic version with the title *UCLA library newsweb* began publication with no. 837, on June 17, 1997. But not having drawn its last breath, *Library Newsletter/UCLA* continued publishing until no. 839, July 25, 1997. For this three-issue overlap period, both titles published simultaneously, with slightly differing contents. Could this be an occurrence of serial schizophrenia? Then, showing that change occurs quickly in the digital age, the title changed again, for no apparent reason and with no explanation, to *UCLA library staff newsweb*, with no. 855, on March 16, 1998." Couldn't have said it better ourselves.

The WORST SERIAL TITLE CHANGE OF THE YEAR AWARD, or, The THREE STRIKES, YOU ARE (W)IN AWARD is bestowed upon Royal Geographical Society of London, for being the ROYAL PAIN IN THE BIB by calling the title of its magazine three different names in as many issues and for receiving three nominations, one of which is from the Netherlands! The magazine began as:

- *The Geographical magazine* (May 1936-Nov. 1988), changed to:
- *Geographical* (Dec. 1988-Apr. 1995), then to:
- *Geographical magazine* (May 1995-May 1997), followed by:
- *The Royal Geographical Society magazine* (June 1997), and back to:
- *Geographical* (July 1997)

Not only did the title change unnecessarily and repeatedly, it always changed in the middle of the year and volume! To make things even worse, the numbering also screwed up: June-Aug. issues of 1997 are numbered as v. 69, no. 6, v. 70, no. 7 and v. 71, no. 8 respectively. One of the nominators, Jeanette Skwor, said: "I cannot think of a finer example of the spirit of this award." Nor can we. It is only fitting that we grant this prestigious award from our capital to a recipient in another capital for committing such a capital bibliographical crime!

Respectfully submitted by your 1998 ALCTS-SS Worst
Serials Title Change of the Year Award Committee.

Selina Lin (Chair) selina-lin@UIOWA.EDU
Linda Horiuchi & Sue Williams (Members)

2. PUBLICATIONS:

★ FREEBIES

The Sciences and Technology library has received a donation of items all of which we do not need. Rather than sending the leftovers to a landfill, we would like to offer them to anyone willing to come and pick them up.

The items available include:

The Canadian Mining and Metallurgical Bulletin:
1959, Volume 52 (no. 561-563, 565-566, 568-569, 571-572)
1960, Volume 53 (no. 573, 577-584)
1961, Volume 54 (no. 585-594, 596)

Geological Society of America. Bulletin:
1944, Volume 55 (no. 1-2,4,7,10,12)
1945, Volume 56 (no. 6)
1946, Volume 57 (no. 2-4,6,8-11,12 pt.2)
1947, Volume 58 (no. 3,7,9-10,12 pt.2)
1948, Volume 59 (no. 3, 5-7,11-12)
1949, Volume 60 (no. 1,3,8-9,11-12)

Scripps Institution of Oceanography. ****Initial Reports of the Deep Sea Drilling Project: A Project Planned by and Carried Out with the Advice of the Joint Oceanographic Institutions for Deep Earth Sampling.**** Washington: National Science Foundation, 1969 - . Vols. 1-10, 12-14.

If anyone is interested in all or part of these items, please give me a call or an e-mail by October 9, 1998. Thanks!

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★ SAFETY ON THE INTERNET

Have A Safe Trip! A Parent's Guide to Safety on the Internet is now available for purchase in quantity from the Canadian Library Association.

The four page guide covers :

- Net Surfing
- Internet Filters and How they work
- Talking to Strangers
- The role of parents
- What libraries should do

This helpful guide is a great handout for patrons, staff and ideal as an Internet Training Workshop supplementary resource. Pricing is as follows

25 copies /\$ 5.00
100 copies/ \$10.00
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3. CALENDAR:

★ OCTOBER 26 - 27 1998

The Manitoba Health Libraries Association is presenting two seminars on Searching the Internet for Healthcare Information

Dates: Monday, October 26th and Tuesday, October 27th, 1998

Workshop Leader: Tom Flemming, MA, MLS, AHIP, McMaster University Health Sciences Library

Place: Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library
Learning Resource Centre
Level 200, Brodie Centre
727 McDermot (at Emily)
Health Sciences Centre

Course #1:

Just Get Me the Good Stuff!: Searching the Web for Quality Health Care Information: a hands-on workshop

Monday, October 26th, 1998
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Audience: Health care professionals and library staff who use the web on a daily basis and have some experience with searching the web.

Description: If you have ever had occasion to search the World Wide Web (WWW) for health care information you couldn't find, or found far more than you had time to consider, this workshop is for you!

Anyone can find stuff on the WWW; you don't need a course for that! This workshop is for people who are looking for something specific in healthcare on the WWW and who want to know where to go to do it efficiently. It will help you locate and use the tools to get you quickly to quality healthcare information and will help you determine what "quality" is. The course will involve a mix of lecture-demonstration and hands-on guided experience on the WWW. At the end, you will have a sense of how far is far enough in searching for what you can't find, a collection of sites that will guide you through healthcare resources on the web and a better sense of what quality you can expect to get from resources on the Internet.

Fee: \$55 (\$50.00 MHLA Members) Lunch included

Course #2

The World Wide Web: an Introduction to Healthcare Information on the Internet

Tuesday: October 27th
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Audience: Health care providers/consumers or library staff with little or no web experience (no WWW experience needed)

Description: Heard about the web? or the WWW? Want to know if you should get more intimately involved? Need to know what it is before you get started, and what it might do for you?

This presentation aims to help with all of those interests. In two hours of watching and asking questions you can gain an understanding of what the web is, how it can be "browsed" and made more familiar. You will get a sense of the potential of the medium and a taste of its excitement. You will see how healthcare information is rapidly becoming a public commodity.

Fee: \$30 (\$25 MHLA Members)

Speaker Bio:

Tom Flemming is Head of Public Services in the McMaster University Health Sciences Library in Hamilton, Ontario. He has been at McMaster for the past fourteen years; prior to that, he held various positions in the W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library at Dalhousie University in Halifax, NS.

Tom has over twenty years of experience in the field of health sciences libraries and information delivery. He holds an MA in English Literature and a Masters in Library Service from Dalhousie University, and is a Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP is an American organization, affiliated with the Medical Library Association).

Tom is an active participant in both the Canadian Health Libraries Association and the Medical Library Association. He has published and taught and regularly provides service to library patrons. He is the creator of the highly regarded "Health Care Information Resources" web page (<http://www-hsl.mcmaster.ca/tomflem/top.html>) which is frequently consulted by web surfers around the world.

Registration Limited
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Deer Lodge Centre
2109 Portage Avenue
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Course Name:
_____ "Just Get me the Good Stuff." \$55, \$50 (MHLA
members)
_____ The WWW: An Introduction to Healthcare Information
on the Internet \$30 (\$25 MHLA members)

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★ NOVEMBER 14 1998

**LIBRARIES AND THE LITERACY COMMUNITY :
PARTNERS IN CHANGE**

WHEN:
Saturday, November 14, 1998
10:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Centennial Library Auditorium
2nd floor, 251 Donald St. at Graham
(use the escalator inside the library, not skywalk
entrance)

COST: This conference is free to the library and literacy
community and the interested and concerned general public.
A deli lunch will be provided for just \$5.00 (Canadian) to
those who register in advance.

PROGRAM:

10:15 a.m. to noon

Directors of the following literacy groups will describe their
programs and suggest ways that libraries can help to increase
literacy levels:

- Aboriginal Literacy Foundation Inc.
- Beat The Street
- Journeys Adult Education Centre
- Selkirk Friendship Centre
- Transcona Literacy Centre
- Winnipeg Volunteer Reading Aides

1:00 p.m. Keynote Address: Dr. Sharon Jean Hamilton

Growing up in Winnipeg, Dr. Hamilton suffered a life of
extreme abuse in many different foster homes. At the age of
three she was adopted by a woman who read to her constantly
which eventually transformed her life. Dr. Hamilton went on
to become a teacher and later progressed through doctoral
studies in London, England. She has written a book about her
life, My Name is Not Susie : a Life Transformed by Literacy.
Today she is professor of English at Purdue University in
Indiana and involved in literacy issues throughout the world.

Participating organizations will have information booths and
will be soliciting your ongoing support.

REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 6:

NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE:
INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION:

Cheque for \$5.00 payable to Manitoba Library association if
you want lunch. Donations to participating literacy
organizations may be made through a cheque payable To:
Literacy Partners of Manitoba.

Please send your registration by fax (942-1555), voicemail (943-4567), e-mail (info@mla.mb.ca) or mail to:

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