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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Stan Beacock

About 15 months ago a few retired librarians in Ontario met in London to discuss an idea -- What happens to librarians when they retire or leave the profession? Where do they go? What are their remembrances of the earlier days? What happens to their letters and documents that haven't been thrown out? Are there photographs of bygone times that now have historical significance?

As the weeks passed, ideas came together and a proposal was approved by the group (which later became the Board of Directors) for an application to the New Horizons for Senior Citizens. In August the Honourable Jake Epp, Minister of Health and Welfare Canada approved the grant application.

Funding required action and the Board met on very short notice in October, 1986, and set in motion the plans for the first general meeting. With the great co-operation of the Ontario Library Association office and the hard work of Betty Hardie, the meeting on November 6 became a kind of homecoming or family reunion. Some of us relived moments in the company of Angus Mowat, some the year at library school.

But now, with the Ex Libris Association in place, where do we go? In the longer term, that will depend on the membership; but at this time, the Board must show direction and enlist your co-operation. We need to reach more members and find new addresses for those who have moved. We need to contact and interview those who have letters, scrapbooks or documents for the archive collection; and to tape remembrances of our library pioneers. Who will volunteer?

We already have two members from Vancouver. Sam Rothstein said "Thank you for not restricting it to Ontario." How can we get people from across Canada involved? Immediately, we have started the collection on the IPLO; if you have old files or letters, please contact a Board member or send material to our office. We want to know more about the formation of County libraries in Ontario in the 1930's and 40's. We need to know where the records of our past are. And we need help and ideas for the Second Annual Meeting, which I am proposing be held in Toronto at the Harbour Castle Hilton during the OLA conference, November 19-21, 1987.

As I have examined your membership forms, ideas keep popping up. I hope we keep the kettle boiling, the pot stirred, and, finally make a contribution to our profession far beyond current expectations.

SLIS LIBRARY HISTORY GROUP

The SLIS Library History group was organized by Bertrum MacDonald and Stephen Cummings because they saw a need for a Canadian look at our own history of Canadian libraries. Their latest newsletter (#3) has just been published. If you are interested, send bertrum a cheque for \$6.00 (made out to him) which will pay for the cost of printing and mailing of two issues and ask for #3. The following two notices are reprinted from their latest newsletter:

SPECIAL NOTE: The Editorial Office of the SLIS Library History Group Newsletter is moving. Beginning with the Fall 1987 issue the Newsletter will be published at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. After 1st August 1987 all correspondence concerning the Newsletter should be addressed to Prof. Bertrum MacDonald, School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 4H8 -- (902) 424-3656.

YOU CAN HELP: As you read the breadth of the contents of the SLIS Library History Group Newsletter you will realize that we will want to change the title commensurate with the change in editorial office. We welcome your suggestions. Keep in mind that the aim of this Newsletter is to provide coverage of work being done in library history/history of publishing (histoire du livre) in Canada whether or not the work deals with Canadian topics. In addition, we attempt to give coverage in both official languages, and if possible, this should be reflected in the title. All suggestions for a new title will be given serious consideration and if we do decide to use your suggestion we will acknowledge your contribution to the cause with a year's free subscription! All suggestions should be addressed to Bertrum MacDonald, School of Library and Information Science, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario N6G 1H1 (after 1st August at the Dalhousie University address noted above).

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION MISSING LIST

We are missing current addresses for some of the persons on our mailing list. Do you know of the whereabouts of any of these people? If so, we would certainly like to have a current mailing address to update our files. Please let us know; our address is at the bottom of this page.

- Eileen Bradley
- M. Elizabeth Colley
- Gwendoline Fyfe
- Lucille Galloway
- Joan Johnston
- Eve Kendel
- John Parkhill
- Evelyn Smith
- M. Joan Stearns

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EX LIBRIS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

June Munro

Forty-one retired librarians attended the Organizational meeting of the Ex Libris Association held in Toronto on November 6, 1986, preceding the annual Ontario Library Association conference. E. Stanley Beacock chaired the meeting. At that time, a constitution and Board of Directors were approved. The Directors for the coming year are the same as those of the Organization, with E. Stanley Beacock as President, and Janette H. White as Secretary-Treasurer.

The highlight of the day was a speech "Search for Angus Mowat" by Stephen F. Cummings, Ph.D., a library historian. Dr. Cummings outlined how the School of Library and Information Science, The University of Western Ontario acquired the Angus Mowat papers, and how these were utilized in writing his Ph.D. thesis. Angus Mowat's significant contribution to public library service in Ontario was emphasized, as well as his concern for service to native band libraries and the armed forces.

Betty D. Hardie, with the cooperation and assistance of Penny McKee, OLA President, and Larry Moore, Executive Director, organized this first successful meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLA 1987 CONFERENCE

The OLA Annual Conference will be held November 19-21 at the Harbour Castle Hilton, Toronto. We plan our own second Annual Conference to coincide with OLA. The probable date will be Thursday, November 19. Help and ideas are invited!!!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on 2 April at the School of Library and Information Science, University of Western Ontario, in London. It may be confusing, but it will meet both as the Board of the Organization (New Horizons) and also as the Board of the Association. Comments, ideas, and criticisms are solicited from the membership.

WANTED!!!

Letters, offers of employment and other communications from Librarians and Boards (or about libraries) prior to 1950 (a date selected quite arbitrarily!) are requested. Please send them to us if you have any. We will give them a good home. But, don't throw them out!!!

UNDERSTANDING CANADIAN LIBRARIES

Stephen Cummings

Understanding the evolution of Canadian library service -- public, academic, special and school -- is particularly difficult for lack of primary materials. After-the-fact reports in the professional literature provide only the broad outlines, often missing entirely the rationales and particular circumstance of important decisions.

Ex Libris would like to help make in-depth studies of Canadian library development possible. To do this, we propose -- as one of our organization's objectives -- to collect and identify primary materials, particularly those in the personal collections of members of the organization. We have not yet established priorities for this material.

Projects and developments such as IPLO, county and regional cooperative organizations, community college libraries and library technician programs, Ontario's 'New Universities' project, school-public cooperative arrangements, local library associations (e.g., Ottawa Library Association), and many others, have helped to shape library service as we now know it. Unfortunately, most of our understanding of these events resides in "living memory" and is unavailable to younger librarians and library school students.

To begin the work of making research in these areas possible, we need to collect and make available minutes, formal and informal reports, relevant correspondence -- in other words, to reassemble the documentation which contributed to the original decisions and developments.

We ask for your help in this. Most of us have files, perhaps things from library work we haven't looked at in many years. We need first to know what sort of materials exist in private files, and then we can establish some priorities for collecting material from them. Perhaps you also remember what related materials might be located in the archives of the libraries where you worked.

At this early stage, what would be most useful would be a note from each member describing in very general terms what materials you have which would contribute to a research collection for the study of Canadian library development. The widely-distributed and important documents are not so important to us as, perhaps, a personal letter which comments on an important document or event. A single letter in your files may not seem to be important, but ten letters from ten different people on the same topic may prove very important indeed.

We need your help and suggestions.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION

I. Name

1. The name shall be Ex Libris Association.

II. Objects

1. To provide a forum for interested individuals to come together to stimulate memories of Ontario library history, publishing, and consulting for the development of archival collections.
2. To provide a vehicle for the collection of oral histories related to Ontario library history not currently being taped.
3. To identify and ensure collection of materials related to Ontario library history which are not at present collected, organized, or preserved by any other organization.
4. To encourage persons and institutions possessing archival materials related to Ontario library history to preserve and publicize their holdings.
5. To provide a focus for the ongoing intellectual and social activities of retired members of the library community.

III. Members

1. Any person whose career has been chiefly in libraries or in a related field is eligible for membership.

IV. Meetings

1. An annual meeting shall be held at a time and place to be decided by the Board.
2. The Board shall meet at least twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall.

V. Board

1. The Board shall consist of: three officers - Past-President, President, Secretary-Treasurer and eight members, all to be elected by the membership at the annual meeting. Membership

on the Board shall be for two years. Initially four Board members shall serve for one year only. The Board shall decide by secret ballot, if required, which Board members shall retire at the end of the first year. The officers shall be elected annually.

BY-LAWS
OF THE
EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION

1. The membership fee shall be \$5.00 per year.
2. Membership shall be for the calendar year.
3. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board at its spring meeting to bring in a slate of proposed officers and Board members, to be presented to the annual meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor. All nominees must give their consent orally.
4. For meetings of the Board: a majority shall constitute a quorum.
5. For the annual meeting: fifteen percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum.
6. The Constitution may be amended at the annual meeting provided notice of such proposed amendment is sent out one month before the annual meeting.
7. By-Laws may be amended at the annual meeting without prior notice.

Ex Libris Association Membership Directory

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IN MEMORIAM

James Brown, November 1986
Evelyn Crouch, December 1986
Miss K. Climie, December 1986
Sister Dolores Donnelly, February 1987
Grace (Crooks) Leigh, February 1987

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF EX LIBRIS?

This first issue of Ex Libris News is sent to our complete mailing list of approximately 200 persons. If you are not a member and are interested in our purpose and objectives, we invite you to send in your application and your fees (\$5.00) for your 1987 Charter Membership in the Ex Libris Association.

RESOURCES FOR LIBRARY HISTORY

Stephen Cummings

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Writers of library history are scattered. We work in academic, public, special and school libraries, in faculties of history, education, political science, English, economics, sociology, and in library and information science schools. And we often find valuable intellectual resources for library history in disciplines and enterprises other than those in which we work. This scattering of human resources makes for difficulty in pigeon-holing library history, for as a group we lack coherence. On the other hand, precisely this diversity can be among our greatest resources, for it offers up a richness of cross-disciplinary approaches and projects. Perhaps the greatest danger is that isolation which comes from absorption into departmental and vocational imperatives in which the organization of public knowledge is reduced or narrowed to technicalities, and research is defined by rote methodologies. Conferences, colloquia, newsletters, journals, and personal contact can do much to overcome the isolation.

There are difficulties with primary resources for the writing of library history. Through indifference or overwork, librarians are among the worst offenders in failing to maintain institutional archives. The absence of individual library archives is often compounded by inconsistent collection practices of provincial, municipal, university, and corporate archives. We can do much to ensure resources for future library historians by encouraging records management programs, institutional archives, and a general awareness of the importance of primary resources. We can examine and promote existing collections of primary materials and point to their potential usefulness for a variety of research objectives other than library history, and thus entail the interest and support of a broader academic audience.

A case in point: the recent reorganization of Ontario regional libraries reduced the number of regional systems from fourteen to nine (including Metro Toronto), changing the geographical coverage of each and changing their designations as regional library systems to library service areas. The emergence of regional libraries in Ontario was important, not only to library service in Ontario but as that emergence reflected a general political reorientation towards regional government, itself a consequence of demographic and economic pressures. In the recent reorganization of these regional libraries, no provision was made for the transfer or maintenance of records. Much of the documentation -- the briefs, minutes, correspondence, reports, directives, and newsletters which contributed to or reported important decisions concerning regional service -- has been lost or is in unorganized and unprotected storage as a result of relocation of headquarters and other administrative changes.

In large measure, it is the job of historians to ensure a future for the past, and there is no time like the present for library historians to begin to act in the matter of primary resources.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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your charter membership to December 31, 1987.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO OUR ASSOCIATION

WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF YOUR PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT WITH
LIBRARIANSHIP? (LIBRARIES, DATES, PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY, ETC.)

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY OTHERS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN BEING ADDED TO
OUR MAILING LIST? (NAME, ADDRESS)

