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## **Welcome!**

**Jeff Corbett**

Welcome to the inaugural issue of "In Touch with the Toronto Chapter." Due to the recent restructuring of our association – "Ontario Association of Library Technician / Association des Bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario," (OALT/ABO) we are now the "Toronto Chapter" and no longer "Toronto Area Library Technicians Association." It seemed fitting to change our publication name, keeping in line with the change in our association structure. Henceforth, "In Touch with TALTA" is now "In Touch with the Toronto Chapter." You will notice that we tried to keep as much as we could the same as before the restructuring. In essence, the only change to our letterhead is our name. We have kept the same font style. Our newsletter also has few changes, ostensibly keeping to the previous format. Our newsletter masthead resumes it's "Time New Roman" font that was last used on Volume 40 of "In Touch with TALTA." This is keeping it consistent with our letterhead. One change that is uniquely different about our masthead is a slight curve to the publication name. It is used to show that while we do represent Toronto with its "businesslike" presence, the newsletter is a little more casual, "business casual" which is evident from the italicized title, reminiscent of script.

Your executive hopes that you enjoy reading your chapter publication. Let's remember

that this is *your* publication and submissions from the membership are desired and encouraged. Please write on any theme that you like, whether about your job or something about you. We are happy to take submissions for recommended books, websites, professional courses, etc. We'll even take your musings! We look forward to publishing four times this year. Our publication information is on page two.

Once again, as your editor, I take pride in welcoming you to the inaugural issue of "In Touch with the Toronto Chapter." I encourage your feedback. Please write to me anytime at [jeffcorbett@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffcorbett@hotmail.com)

Yours Truly,

Jeff Corbett, Editor, "In Touch with the Toronto Chapter."

## **Your 2004 / 2005 Executive**

President – Jenna Winkler  
Vice President – Marianna Cseto  
Secretary – Ben Kahn  
Membership – Brenda Maxwell  
Treasurer – Aileen Fisher

Newsletter & Publicity Coordinator – Jeff Corbett

## **Letter from our President, Jenna Winkler**

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all of our members to a new era for our organization. As approved at our last Annual Business meeting, we have changed our name from TALTA (Toronto Area Library Technicians Association) to the Ontario Association of Library Technicians/Association des Bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario – Toronto Chapter, commonly known as OALT/ABO – Toronto Chapter. The reason for this change is to reflect the new re-organization and (Continued on page 2)

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constitution of OALT/ABO, whereas the associated regions of OALT/ABO are now chapters of the Ontario level. The changes to our name are also reflected in our publicity headings and in our newsletter, which is now called In Touch with the Toronto Chapter. Although, I know we will still be calling ourselves TALTA on occasion!

I am pleased to have a hardworking executive team of Marianna, Jeff, Aileen, Brenda, Ben and myself. All of us have included our mini-biographies in this newsletter issue. We aspire to bring you a fun membership year including our membership meetings, quarterly newsletters

and our annual holiday social. We welcome any suggestions for future speakers and topics for our meetings in 2005. If you have a great idea or know of anyone, please feel free to contact Marianna or myself.

I believe we have come a long way since the threat of folding our organization a couple of years ago. As a long-time employee of the Toronto Public Library and a graduate of Seneca College's Library and Information Technician program, I feel that there is still a need for Library Technicians in our Libraries and those Library Technician opportunities and work assignments have changed over the past number of years. As I have been a Library Technician interviewee for current students, I know many people are pursuing the Library Technician job field.

Looking forward to the upcoming year,

Jenna Winkler



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### **Biography of Jenna Winkler**

I have been very interested in libraries and have aspired to work in them ever since I was the age of 7 years old when I drew a picture of myself working in the library, which I have included in this newsletter. It was for an elementary school project of drawing my life story and future career. I never thought it would come true until I started my library career and found the picture in my archives. Now, all my relatives and friends have a chuckle about it. In addition, it was recently advertised to the Toronto Public Library system on our electronic newsletter to which I received many compliments!

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I started at the Toronto Public Library when it was the North York Public Library, working as a Page at the North York Central Library. During my time at Toronto Public Library, I went from high school and into Seneca College's Library and Information Technician Diploma program and graduated in June 1996. I am currently employed with the Toronto Public Library on full time status and have worked in many different branches (consisting of Neighbourhood, District, Research & Reference levels) and departments across the library system. I currently am at North York Central Library – Society and Recreation department on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, performing many duties including reference desk and database maintenance work. I will also be working Sundays, alternating between the Toronto Reference Library's Stacks & Retrieval Department and Lillian H. Smith District library. I am looking forward to both assignments.

In my personal life, I currently reside in Toronto with my husband Gil, and our four (4) cats, which at times can be a handful! My hobbies include genealogy, music, coin collecting, reading, learning the Hebrew language and have started to take on cooking.

I look forward to serving for the Toronto Chapter as President and am currently hard at work with my fellow executive members to bring you a rewarding membership year. I hope to see all of you at future meetings and presentations and can be reached by email at [jwinkler@tpl.toronto.on.ca](mailto:jwinkler@tpl.toronto.on.ca)

Thank you,

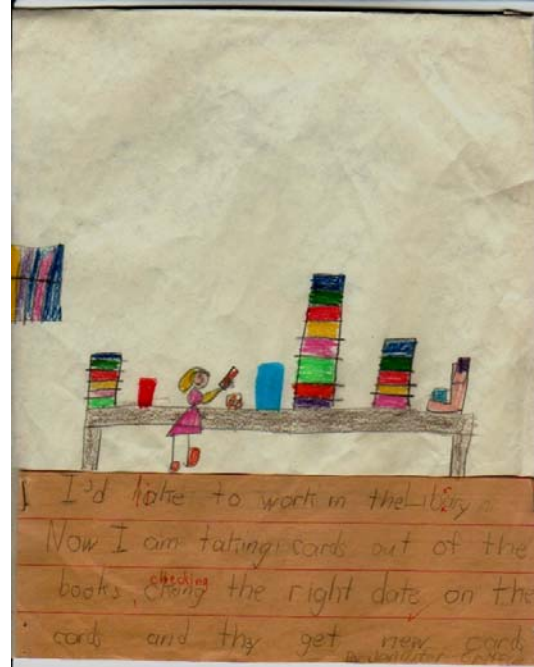
Jenna Winkler

"Books should be our eyes. And without them, a person cannot raise his hand to teach anything."

"The one who increases books will increase in wisdom"

"Buy yourself a friend. Your best friend is your book!"

Rashi - 1040 to 1105 - Rashi was the outstanding Biblical commentator of the Middle Ages.



A picture by Jenna Winkler at age 7 working in a library.

### **Biography of Marianna Cseto**

I am working in the Toronto Public Library, currently at Parkdale Branch, South Region. I also do a lot of relief work and this allows me to see the system as a whole, and to observe how the parts work together. It also allows me to participate in the wonderful mosaic of our city, Toronto.

I am a member of SAMAG (Student/Alumni Marketing Advisory Group) at Seneca College.

I volunteered at the library of John Fisher Public School for 5 years, where I also fulfilled the role of the Library-Coordinator for two years. I also volunteered at the library of Arany Janos Hungarian School.

I am a York University Graduate, (English Literature) and currently working towards my Library Information and Technician Diploma at Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology.

I not only believe but also practice life long learning: I have taken courses in accounting, bookkeeping, French courses, and obtained my Business Certificate in Legal Secretarial Practice.

### Biography of Benjamin Kahn

Benjamin Kahn is currently on a parental leave. He has worked for the past six years at the Information Research Centre at the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. Before that, he had a short contract at the Canadian Forces College library. Ben graduated from Seneca College's Library and Information Technician program in 1997, and received an Honours BA from the University of Guelph in 1992.

### Biography of Brenda Maxwell

Brenda has 15 years with the Law Society of Upper Canada and 4 courses and 1 placement left to obtaining her Library Tech. Certificate at Seneca.

### Biography of Aileen Fisher

A graduate from Seneca, I enjoyed working in the Health sciences Library at the Toronto East General. Since I retired I have been volunteering with seniors, the street people/homeless and now once again with The Toronto Chapter as your treasurer. You probably know this already but you get far more out of volunteering than you put in!

As well I continue to slowly accumulate the credits I require for my B.A. through Distance Education at Waterloo. Then last December we were delighted with the arrival of our first grandchild.

### Biography of Jeff Corbett

I joined OALT/ABO in the second year of my LIT course at Seneca College. At that time I served a two year term on the executive as "Director", a representative of TALTA at the Provincial Level. I am now working full time as an administrative assistant for the Routes Jewish Centre and Westmount Community Shul. I currently live at home with my father in Thornhill and am proud to have been appointed by your executive to the positions of Newsletter & Publicity Coordinator.

#### Searching techniques when the Internet goes down:

[http://fury.com/images/weblog/google\\_circa\\_1960.jpg](http://fury.com/images/weblog/google_circa_1960.jpg)

### Calendar of Events:

📖 Oct. 5 – Chapter Meeting –  
Lillian Smith Branch  
***Personal Branding: Selling Ourselves in a Tough Market***

**Ulla de Stricker – Guest Speaker**

📖 Nov. 2 – Chapter Meeting –  
Toronto Reference Library  
***Legal Resources for the Rest of Us***

📖 Dec. 6 – Chapter Holiday Social Event –  
***Mandarin Restaurant***

📖 Jan 24 – Chapter Meeting –

📖 March 30 – ABM –

📖 May 11 – 15 – OALT/ABO Conference –  
Ottawa

### What's in the News?

#### 🔗 Are Search Engines Living Up to the Hype?

As Microsoft enters the world of search engine development, are we really getting the value these providers claim?  
[http://www.businessweek.com/technology/content/jul2004/tc20040716\\_2408\\_tc120.htm](http://www.businessweek.com/technology/content/jul2004/tc20040716_2408_tc120.htm) 🔗

#### 🔗 Copyright Clearance Center Unveils Online Education Resource

The world's premier licensing agent for text reproduction rights has launched a Web-based resource for business professionals called The Guide to Copyright Compliance. The interactive guide assists companies in implementing corporate best practices for achieving compliance with copyright law and also helps organizations educate employees on how to lawfully use the content required to do their jobs.  
<http://www.copyright.com/News/PressRelease2004July20.asp> 🔗

### \* What's new at OALT/ABO? \*

Please consult the latest issue of our provincial newsletter which you should have already received in the mail and check our website at [www.oaltabo.on.ca](http://www.oaltabo.on.ca).