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"No doubt, it has been a rough but educational year"—a quote sent to me by a committee chair. While we have to change directions in response to new realities, such as financial, organizational, and other constraints, everybody's contribution has made this quite a fruitful year. In fact, the editor told me that the less I wrote, the more space there would be for all the exciting projects members wanted to know more about. Together with the Canadian Library Association New Librarians and Information Professionals Interest Group, we have many social and educational events planned at this upcoming conference including a Pub Crawl on Friday night and 3M/NMRT Social (yes, the dance is back). Go to <http://www.ala.org/nmrt> for more information.

For those of you who cannot attend, do not despair. Even though we did not get the chance to develop a webcast or other means to enable you all to get some benefit out of this exciting conference, we are slowly moving towards that goal. In the mean time, there will be an online picture gallery to capture some exciting moments in and around the conference.

You will notice many small changes in the organization designed to improve member services and committee experiences. Many committees have worked hard documenting procedures and process. These, together with the online archive, will ensure that NMRT is in top shape to transfer what we learned this year to future leadership.

Cheap Eats in Toronto

Dante Tang, Member, Local Arrangements Committee, and Toronto native

This year's ALA Annual Conference couldn't be taking place in a better city. Often compared to major metropolises south of the 49th parallel, Toronto is home to one of the most efficient, safest, and cleanest public transit systems in the world – making all of this tourist-friendly city's hot spots accessible from just about anywhere. In addition to its renowned subway system, many tourists have discovered another tasty fact about the "New York of the North" – it harbors an array of cultures and their cuisines.

SASCO: Linking Students with ALA

Kim Wobick, Co-Chair, SASCO Committee

It's all about communication in NMRT's Student and Student Chapter Outreach Committee (SASCO). There's a lot to be known about ALA and NMRT, about what they do, provide, and how their activities can help students. If you're a student reading this copy of *Footnotes* right now, it's pretty likely that you've heard from SASCO. Did you know that there are a total of 58 ALA accredited library and information programs in the U.S. and Canada, along with 98 unaccredited programs? That's a lot of schools! However, SASCO is a committee of 11 people (that's a lot of committee members!) who have reached out to all of these schools, mainly through email, and have heard back from roughly half of this number. Getting responses from your school makes us happy and lets us know that we're doing our job.

Now that some of the statistics are out of the way, let's talk about you. ALA is huge, there's no getting around it. As a student, I was intimidated by the entire structure of the organization, and I'm sure that some of you current students feel the same way. Then I got involved in NMRT. NMRT works to break down ALA into smaller, more manageable pieces, which helps people get more involved in the larger organization. Your school's ALA Student Chapter is one of those overall pieces of the bigger picture. Everyone has to start from the beginning—we were all students at one time. SASCO's main goal is to connect your ALA Student Chapter and you, the student, with the larger ALA, and provide your chapter and you with the support and information you need.

Through our many emailings, we work to provide useful information about both ALA and NMRT. You may receive forwarded emails about NMRT activities or ALA grants, scholarships, and awards that are relevant to you (see the SASCO ad in this issue about the Student Chapter of the Year Award—SCOTYA). The *SASCO Times* newsletter highlights information of all kinds, including the tools that ALA provides to help you find a job (Feb. 2002—if you missed that issue, contact SASCO at sasco_nmrt@yahoo.com). SASCO's other main goal is to support you in creating or revitalizing your school's ALA Student Chapter. If you need speakers for classes or your Student Chapter meetings, we'll assist in connecting you with the right people. For more information on what SASCO can do for you, take a look at our web site: <http://www.ala.org/nmrt/sasco>.

What it boils down to is that we're here for you. For SASCO to do the best job possible we need to hear from you. Please email SASCO at sasco_nmrt@yahoo.com. Let us know if you're getting our emails, tell us what your Student Chapter is up to (and then send in your application for SCOTYA!), give us some suggestions as to what you'd like to have SASCO do for you, ask us questions about ALA and NMRT. We'll get an answer to you quicker than you can say "Ranganathan!" Finally, don't forget to sign up for our listserv, NMRTSTUDL, and share ideas with other students across the country. We're looking forward to hearing from all of you, and seeing some of you at the ALA Annual Conference in Toronto this June!

Come to the NMRT Student Reception

Joseph Yue, NMRT President

The Reception is designed especially for LIS students. Come meet other students, talk to representatives from ALA divisions and round tables, and celebrate the accomplishment of the winners of The Student Chapter of the Year Award! Light refreshment will be served at this evening event. Watch NMRT-L and the NMRT web site for details.

Let ALA and NMRT Recognize Your Outstanding Achievements: Become ALA's Next Student Chapter of the Year

Each year, NMRT's Student and Student Chapter Outreach Committee (SASCO) sponsors the **Student Chapter of the Year Award (SCOTYA)**. The Student Chapter winner and runner-up will each receive a certificate for you to proudly display at your school.

The deadline to apply is **May 9, 2003**. All nominations will be acknowledged. The winner and runner-up will be notified by email and letter no later than May 30, 2003, so that the winners may make arrangements to attend the ALA Annual Conference in June 2003. The SCOTYA will be presented to the Student Chapter Officers or delegates by the NMRT President at the **Student Reception at the ALA Annual Conference in Toronto** in June 2003.

For more information check out our **web site** <http://www.ala.org/nmrt/sasco/award.html> or contact Lyssa C. Oberkreiser, SASCO Co-Chair, 813-272-6067 or librarian.lyssa@verizon.net.

Imagine one-stop shopping where you can get expert advice on your resume and cover letter, get the story on the librarian employment interview process, and find updated resources about job hunting and the library job market. Imagine also a great place to network with library colleagues from across the country.

Does this sound like your kind of place? The Resume Review Service at the Placement Center at ALA Midwinter Conference in Philadelphia was the place of action during this year's conference.

From the afternoon of January 24 through January 27, the Resume Review Service had the opportunity to assist 166 visitors, an increase of nearly 100% from the 2002 Midwinter conference, and a 60% increase over 2002 Annual.

During the three days, 90 job seekers met with more than 30 resume reviewers. Everyone from library school students and recent grads to more experienced librarians and those looking to change careers took advantage of the expertise offered by reviewers. Reviewers came from academic, special, public, and school libraries from across the U.S., including Harvard University, University of Arizona, and Vanderbilt University, as well as New York Public Library, New York City Board of Education, and several other large public library systems.

When asked to sum up the Midwinter experience, Chair Laura Kortz said, "This was the best conference ever. Lots more people came, and we're looking forward to providing an even better service in Toronto, with the help of a great bunch of dedicated and capable volunteers, without whom this would not have been possible." Laura would like to send thanks to her committed group of 13 booth volunteers. Also special thanks to Carol Cason, Tiffany Allen, and Donna Braquet for all their help.

The Resume Review Service is a year-round service where NMRT members can have their resumes and cover letters critiqued by experienced librarians. You can have your resume reviewed via e-mail at nmrtrs@yahoo.com.

Resume reviewing will be available at the Annual conference in the ALA Placement Center. For more information on having your resume reviewed, volunteering at the booth, or becoming a reviewer, please contact Laura Kortz at lkortz@NJCU.edu.

Job hunting? Just want to keep your resume up to date? Stay competitive by participating in NMRT's Resume Review Service. Librarians from all types of libraries, in all specialties, from all over the country will be on hand to review your resume and make it shine!

The Resume Review Service provides job seekers with an opportunity to have their resumes and/or cover letters reviewed by an experienced professional in the field. Bring your resume and cover letter to the ALA Annual conference in Toronto and stop by the Resume Review Service booth at the ALA Placement Center, which will be in the Sheraton Hotel.

Librarians with experience in search committees, human resources, and the hiring process will be there on Friday from 1-5, Saturday and Sunday from 9-5, and Monday from 9-1 ready to give you helpful advice to prepare you for the job hunt.

Detailed schedules will be available soon. For more information, contact nmrtrs@yahoo.com. If you can't make it to Toronto, check out our e-mail service at <http://www.ala.org/nmrt/resrev.html>.

Need help with your Toronto plans?

Heather Momberger, Chair, Local Arrangements Committee

The Local Arrangements committee can help! We're here to help you or your committee complete the work necessary to make our trip to Toronto a great success. Whether you need door prizes, local contacts, or the lowdown on the city, we can provide you with the information you need. Feel free to contact the Local Arrangements committee at Placement CenuP or

First there was the “Lipstick Librarian” which told of the dangers of confusing DKNY with AACR. Then came the “Modified Librarian” and its message that “Read” tattoos are okay. Now comes the next great shocking informational tale guaranteed to educate and scare the sensible shoes right off you:



“That” Librarian

Yes, folks, “That Librarian.” How does one spot such a creature on the wild streets of Toronto? Here a few simple tips:

- They wander aimlessly looking lost and helpless.
- Their arms are overloaded with exhibitor goodies and a trail of pens, magnets, and stuffed dragons indicates where they have been.

Volunteer at the Conference

Be a Part of the ALA Conference Now! Reach Out to New Members of ALA! Volunteer to Staff the NMRT Booth at the ALA Conference in Toronto!

Why? Working at the Booth is a

