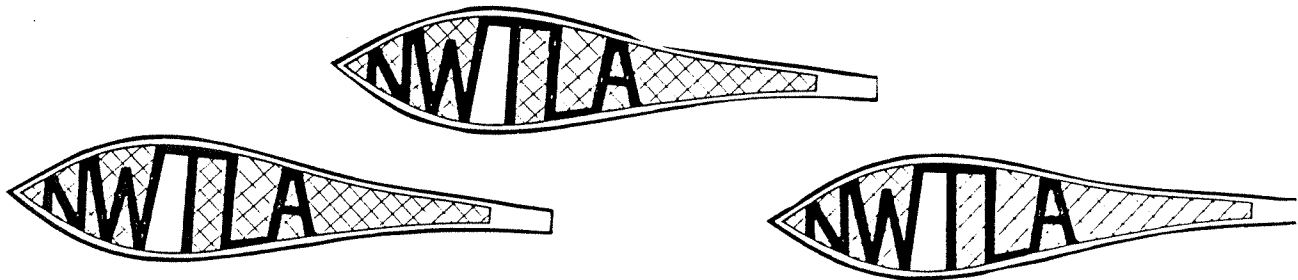
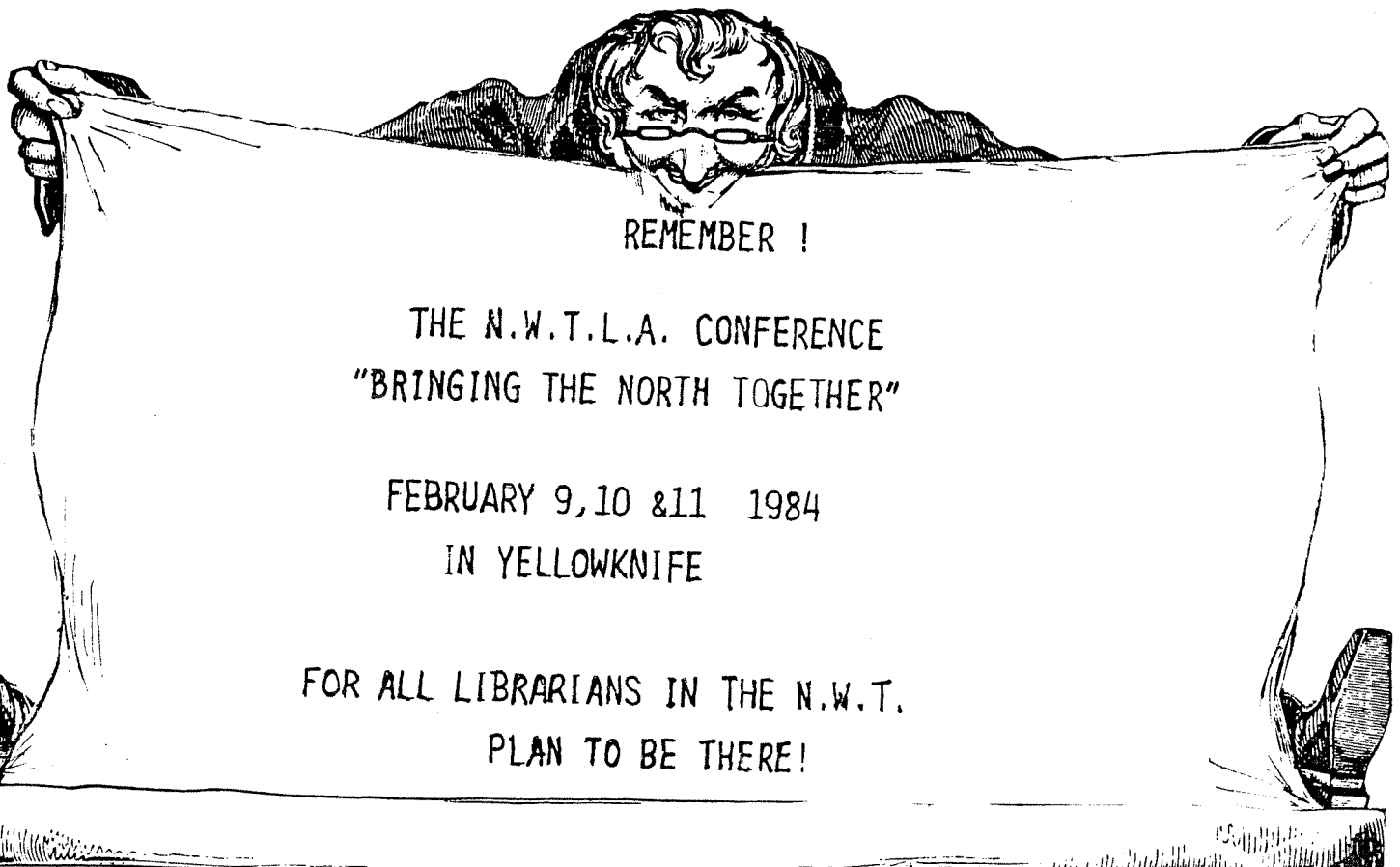


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The N.W.T. Library Association

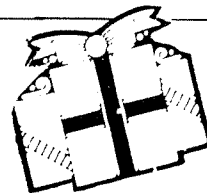
Is it yours?

An association can be defined as a body of persons joined together with a common purpose. The N.W.T. Library Association is such a body of persons. Primarily we are concerned with library services in the Northwest Territories. That concern is reflected in the desire to stimulate and foster interest in the use of libraries throughout the North. Our association recommends policies for the development and provision of library services to the appropriate official bodies, endeavours to provide professional advice and assistance to all those engaged in the dissemination of information and actively encourages members to participate in professional development.

The preceding is outlined in our association's constitution. The heart of an association is its constitution which governs the purpose of the organization. Are those purposes yours too? The meaning and support that you, the members, give these constitutional objectives makes the N.W.T. Library Association live. Without such a supportive body, the association dies. Only you, as an active member of the Northwest Territories Library Association can make this association a successful and useful organization. Support your association; Come to the meetings, volunteer to help with the conference and above all, renew your membership for 1984. The N.W.T.L.A. needs your support and enthusiasm.

1984 looks like a great year for libraries in the north. I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to meeting you all at the N.W.T.L.A. Conference in 1984.

Don Albright
President
N.W.T.L.A.



N.W.T.L.A. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1984

The 1983 membership year is drawing to a close. To support the ongoing activities of the N.W.T.L.A. and to pay for the Newsletter, please complete the form below and send it, with your cheque, to;

N.W.T.L.A. MEMBERSHIP 1984
P.O. Box 694,
Yellowknife, N.W.T. X1A 2N5

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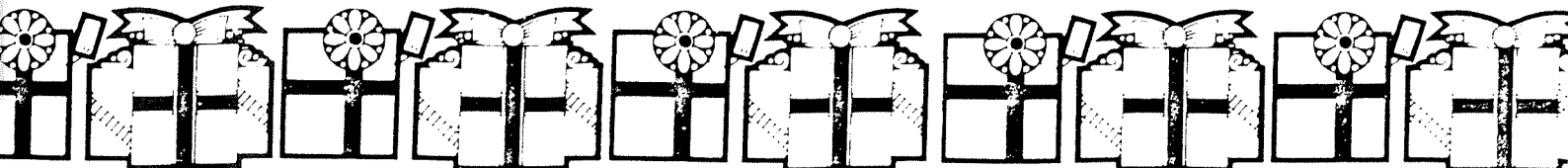
TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

Supporting your basic membership	\$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustaining for members wishing to give a little "extra" for support to their Assoc.	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Institutional	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

N.W.T.L.A. CONFERENCE INTERESTS: There is lots to do in preparing for the conference. Help is needed from all members in and outside of Yellowknife, I am interested in helping the:

Hospitality Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	chairperson: Jo Anne Allison
Publicity Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	chairperson: Ann Taylor
Billeting Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	chairperson: Bev Speight
Membership Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	chairperson: Kitty Pope

See you in February.



CONFERENCE NEWS

GREAT NEWS!

Our grant from Secretary of State has come through in cold, hard cash! All \$5,300.00 has arrived and is safely stashed away in our bank account. The application to the G.N.W.T. for funds has been processed and we are awaiting the results. This money will be used to bring librarians from across the N.W.T. to Yellowknife for the 1st N.W.T.L.A. Conference- "Bringing the North together".

MARK YOUR CALANDAR!

The N.W.T.L.A. Conference is set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 9, 10 and 11, in Yellowknife. Be sure and mark your calendar. Program and registration details will be in the mail by early January. We have a number of exciting speakers and workshops lined up for you.

VOLUNTEER YOUR ASSISTANCE

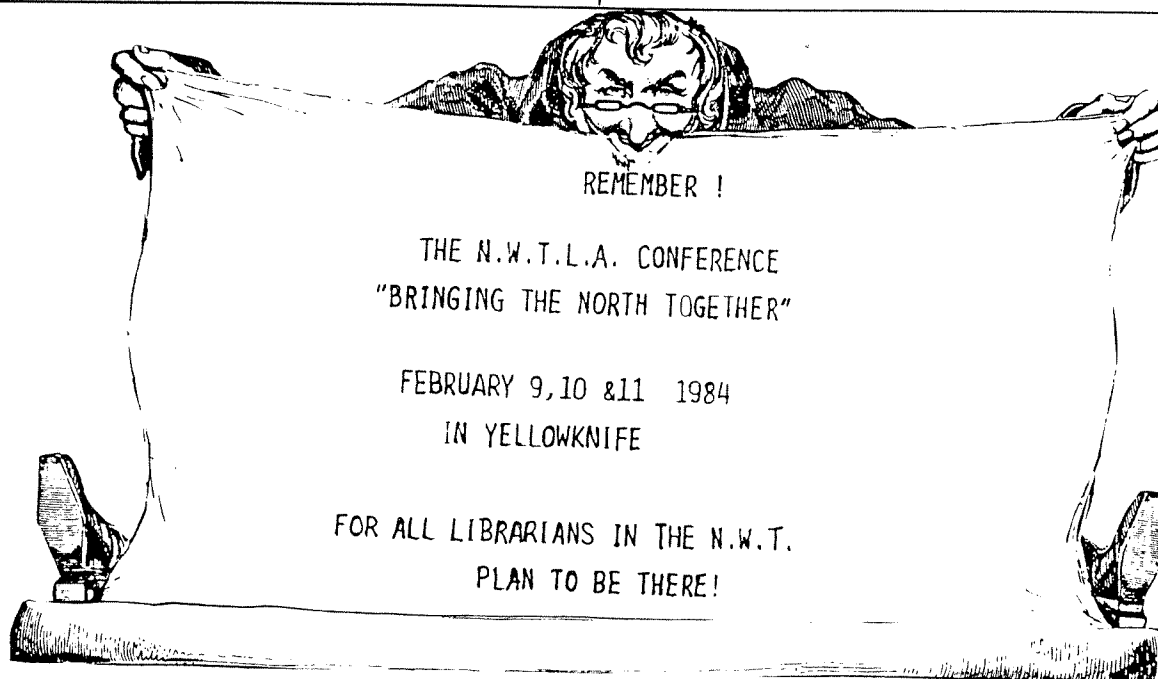
The success of our 1st Conference will depend upon the participation and enthusiasm of the membership. Please offer your assistance for the conference by filling in the membership renewal form today! We need volunteers from across the N.W.T. if our conference is to be a real success.

PATRICIA SMITH, RETIRING

Our Chief of Library Services, for over 18 years, Patricia Smith has resigned her position effective December 1983. Having started with the Territorial Government in September 1965, Pat has overseen the emergence and development of library service throughout the N.W.T. The public library collection has grown to over 100,000 items held at headquarters in May River and on deposit in 21 outlets across the north. Through her contact with provincial libraries, inter library loan and inter library reference assistance have flourished greatly easing northern access to all forms of information.

Famous for her knowledge and indeed information about home computer Pat has instigated research into the applications of computer technology to Territorial public libraries. A colleague of the International Federation of Library Associations and the Provincial and Territorial Library Directors Council she has put the N.W.T. on the library map, nationally and internationally. Convinced of the importance for professional development she has instigated programs such as the circulation of professional literature to libraries and has always been happy to serve patrons through the north. Pat has been undaunted in her optimism and desire to further public library service throughout the Northwest Territories.

We wish Pat, and her beautiful cat "Piewackett", the best of luck in their travels and future endeavours. Public librarians across the N.W.T. have always been able to look to Pat for strong and insightful leadership. Pat Smith will be missed by her many friends and colleagues throughout the N.W.T.



CHRISTMAS BOOKS

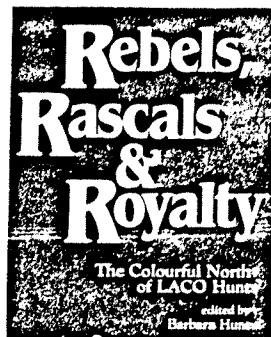
For Christmas 1983, there is a full array of great books to give and enjoy. Here are a few shopping suggestions.

Christmas in the Big Igloo, edited by Kenn Harper and richly illustrated by Yellowknifer John Allerston, is a treasure of Christmas Arctic tales. The twenty short stories and poems all touch on the Christmas theme and form a unique tapestry, capturing the true spirit and meaning of Christmas in the Canadian arctic. Published by Outcrop and listed at \$14.95 it makes a great Christmas gift for brothers or Grampa



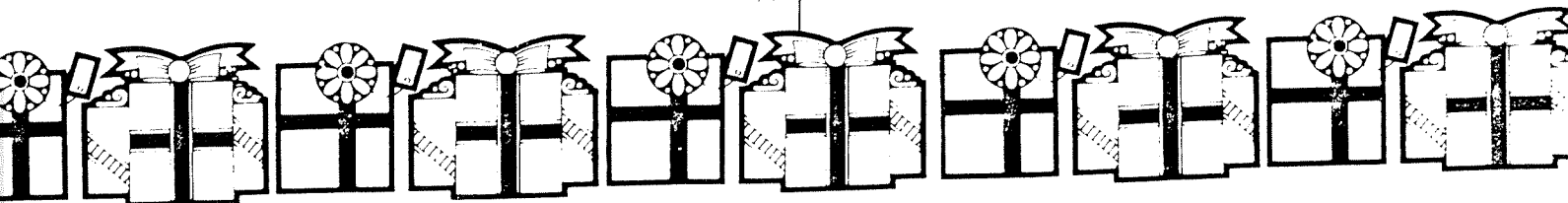
The Tiger in the Tiger Pit is a powerful and moving story revolving around an estranged New England family. Janette Turner Hospital, a master Canadian storyteller takes you to the edge of your seat in this dazzling thriller. Her writing has a natural flow and sensuality which will strike a rich cord with readers who enjoyed her first novel, The Ivory Swing. A great Christmas gift, but unless you've already read it, difficult to part with!

For a great northern adventure story try Rebels, Rascals & Royalty, an eyewitness account of Canada's north when bush pilots and river captains were forging new paths through the arctic wilderness. Hunt's adventures are candidly told with a keen sense of humour and vision. A seasonal gift for anyone interested in the arctic at \$18.95



The Game
A reflective and thought-provoking look at life in hockey
Ken Dryden

For kids and adults alike, your best buy this Christmas will be The Game: A Reflective and Thought-Provoking Look at Life in Hockey, by one of the games truly articulate goalies, Ken Dryden. Even for a "non-hockey fan", I found it great reading. But, if you have a hard core hockey fan on your Christmas list try The Hockey Encyclopedia. It is 634 pages chucked full of records, year by year lists of the standings, a coaching register and loads of obscure hockey details, for fans and pros an excellent read for \$29.95.

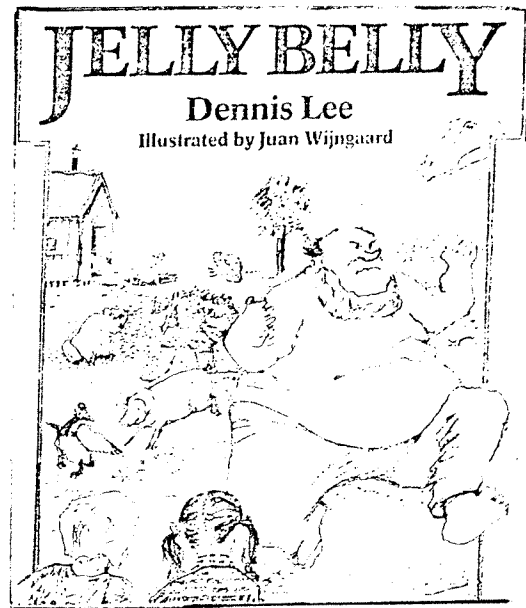
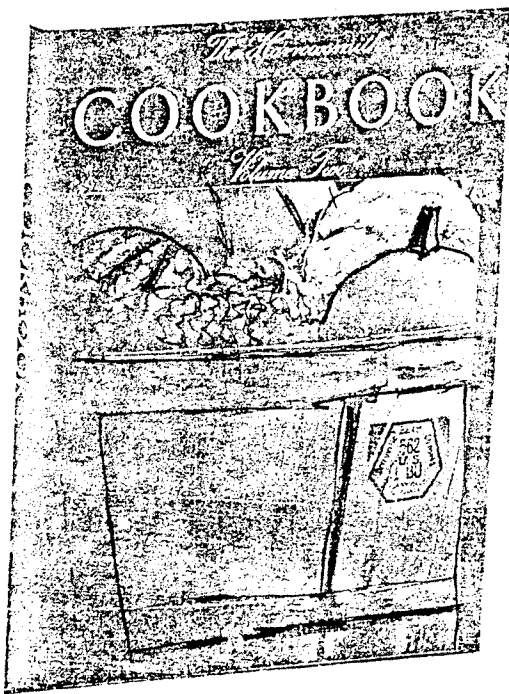


MORE BOOKS

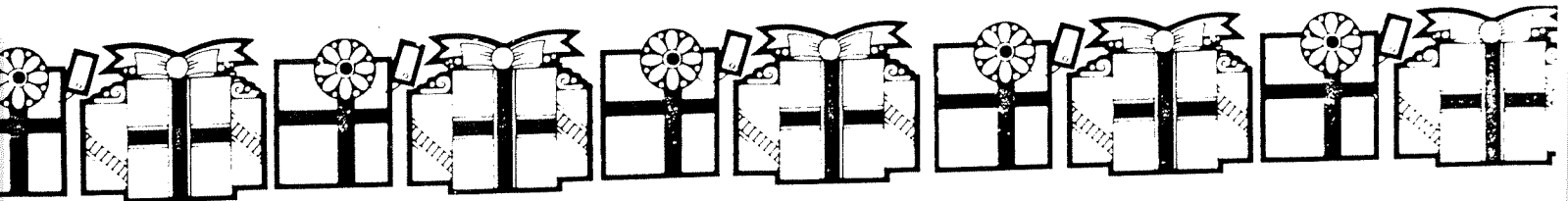


For cookbook devoties, the new Harrowsmith Cookbook Vol.#2 has finally hit the bookshelves. Like the first volume, it's delicious and chucked full of simple, hearty Canadian recipes, culled from all-over the country. Another excellent cookbook for 1983 present giving is the Silver Palate Cookbook by Julee Rosso and Sheila Lukins. This \$14.95 edition, published by Workman, is fabulous. The instructions are easy, clear and the recipes are simply delicious.

For the kids on your Christmas book list there is a wide array of materials to choose from. The man who sent hords of Canadian children out chanting "Alligator pie, Alligator pie, if I don't get some I think I'm going to die" has a new collection of modern and marvelously rude poems, chants and rhymes. At \$9.95 Jelly Belly by Dennis Lee will soon be a great Canadian classic. Another pre-school pleaser is the easy reader Red is Best by Kathy Stinson. Delightfully simple with charming red illustration! For fans of Robert Munch (author of The Paper Bag Princess) you will delight in his latest tale David's Father; perfect for stocking stuffers at \$4.95



For Christmas 1983, there are lots of great gift giving books to choose from. If you can't get your own copy- don't forget your handy dandy public library will be glad to lend you a cop,!



THE GRAPE VINE

With my ear to the ground, I've picked up a few very tasty bits of gossip along the library grape vine- for example.....
Majella Atkinson has just been appointed Librarian at the Renewable Resources Library which is on the 6th floor of the Court House Building in Yellowknife. The R.R.L. has an extensive collection of information in the areas of; N.W.T./wild life pollution/ environmental planning and assessment. If you have any reference questions in these areas, contact Majella at the R.R.L. Monday-Friday 9-5 pm. 1-403-920-8606.

The Frobisher Bay Centennial Library has a change in staff. Arlene Bell has moved to Yellowknife and will be especially missed by all the kids in Frob. who enjoyed her story and craft hours. Ellie Bradly is their new public librarian and is an enthusiastic and energetic addition to the N.W.T.P.L.S. Welcome aboard Ellie. The Yellowknife Public Library staff bid a fond farewell to Cynthia Brown, as she heads south to the sunny Mexican shores for a "wee" siesta. Cynthia has been on a C.C.D.P. project for 5 months and has catalogued over 700 books during her training program. Thank you Cynthia and see you in the spring.
Talking of travellers, welcome home to Jo-Anne Allison, librarian at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, hope you had a great time rambeling through China. And, welcome home to Janet Clark, N.W.T.P.L.S. Headquarters, hope you had a good holiday. Plus a bon voyage to President, Don Albright, as he sets sail for a Christmas holiday in Mexico. Watch out for Cynthia, she'll be in Mexico too!!!

Green thumbed Sheila Amrow, is the new casual clerk at the Government Library. If you need any help with your library plants, Sheila is the one to ask- 873-7628. And, another warm welcome to Margaret McClintock, from the Carleton University Inter Library Loan Dept. Margaret is Librarian at the Otto Schaffer Resource Centre-(translated it's actually the health library in the Pre-Cambrian Building, Yellowknife). The third new library face in Yellowknife this fall is Leith Peterson library technician who joins Alice Able at the Dene Nation Library in Yellowknife. Welcome to Yellowknifer to the N.W.T.L.A. Congratulations to Sue Baer, of the Court Library, for making the Senior Women's Volleyball Team. Best of Luck in the try-outs for the Arctic Winter Games!
Finally a word about all the patient boyfriends, husbands and lovers who live with librarians- what an incredibly tollerant group of men you are! Especially one Paterick Orr, who designed our new N.W.T.L.A. logo. Thank you Paterick for your interest and patient support.

