

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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### From Judy Carter, Rainy River District School Board

I have just received the latest edition of "The Teaching Librarian". On pages 4-5 is a quiz. Although it is good if you are a teacher-librarian, from the standpoint of a technician who runs our Board media centre, it certainly is not very good.

Although teacher-librarians are important, I also feel technicians and clerical workers are important to the libraries of a school board whether they are school libraries or media centres. I have 24 years experience for the school board. I have been the one who has taken this media centre

from nothing to what it is today. I am tired of hearing only about teacher-librarians. There are many others in school libraries who make a great difference to the students as well. I think all groups should work together co-operatively and not fight one against the other.

I am tempted to drop my membership in OLA because it does nothing to help technicians and clerical workers in school libraries. I think it is time the OSLA represents ALL school library workers, not just teacher-librarians.

### *A response from OSLA President Sya Van Geest:*

*I hear your frustration Judy. The question of technicians in the Ontario School Library Association and how they can be served is being discussed as part of our reorganization effort. You will be aware that Cheryl Dinnin, our Councillor responsible for OSLA Publications, is inviting members to bring fresh ideas, new directions and increased value not only to The Teaching Librarian but to what OSLA contributes to Access and to other journals. There is no desire to undermine the excellent relationships in our schools where integrated staffs have worked well for many years. We all want the best for our students and will work together to achieve it. ■ ■ ■*

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