

Used books

# He can't even give them away

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If any institution such as a hospital or nursing home is looking for reading material, Mike Phillips is willing to supply it for free.

Phillips has about 1,500 books to give away right now from surplus stock and expects he can average around that figure about every 30 days.

A few weeks ago, he got rid of around 1,000 to Hastings Manor, but that place doesn't need any more, he said. He thinks maybe a hospital or a nursing home or some such institution could find a use for them. "It is a shame to throw them out as there is always something useful in a book," he said.

The collection up for grabs includes editions of top quali-

ty magazines, a wide range of pocket novels and even some hard cover books, he said. "Some are key titles," he added.

Because they are being given away as surplus stock, they cannot be redeemed at the store as most books are, and the front cover is marked to indicate this.

As the one-man proprietor of Mike's Book Store on the West Gate Plaza, Phillips cannot take time out from the store to deliver the books, but he would be glad for representatives from any charitable institution to call in when they are in the neighborhood.

Mike's store is one of a chain of seven such stores now operating in Eastern Ontario. The store buys good condition books for half of their actual sale price and in turn passes on savings on a wide range of classic and popular titles and magazines.