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Library delves into Mystery Worlds

Few people can honestly say they're not the least bit curious about life's mysteries, whether they involve the occult "sciences" or the unexplained facts of daily life.

The Halton Hills public libraries enjoyed such success with a program presented last year entitled "Close Encounters of the Science Fiction Kind" that staff is not just duplicating the feat this month, they're expanding into other areas.

"Worlds of Mystery" is a three-day presentation set for April 26, 27 and 28 at the Acton library and Acton high school, featuring guest speakers, magic, astronomy, book sales and movies.

Among the highlights of the extravaganza: a Dungeons and Dragons tournament, the psychically-talented Countess Helen De Silaghi-Sirag discussing astral projection, a top OPP man examining modern forensic science, experts looking at the pros and cons of creationism and Captain Bill James returning with his magic show.

Other topics lined up for the program by assistant chief librarian Joy Showell include reincarnation, black holes and the search for extra-terrestrial intelligence.

Last year's program focused largely on astronomy, much to the delight of dozens of people who showed up for the lectures, discussions and movies, Showell told library board members last week.

As a result, she said, staff will capitalize on that success with a look at "Black Holes: *the Story of the Birth, Life and Death of Stars*" featuring guest speaker Ian McGregor from McLaughlin Planetarium and the Royal Ontario Museum.

Described as "worm holes in space" by pop astronomer Carl Sagan, black holes could be the most numerous objects in the universe—if they exist, that is. McGregor, president of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, will deliver a free talk on the subject at 7.30 p.m. April 26 at the Acton library.

That lecture caps off the first day's events, which begin at 9 a.m. at Acton High School with author-researcher Ian Currie and a look at reincarnation. The Toronto-based author of "You Cannot Die" is a frequent radio and television guest who has devoted his lifetime to learning more about the paranormal.

The same day, at 2 p.m. at the high school, Queen's University assistant professor of physics Harold Armstrong will discuss creationism, taking a scientist's view of the Biblical account of creation. Find out whether science and the Bible are compatible on the subject of the birth of man.

The Friday, April 27, program also begins at 9 a.m. at the high school with "Who Done It?", a look at how today's police forces analyze the finest details recovered from the scene of the crime. OPP forensic identification services director J.F. Hinds is a wealth of informatio about one of criminology's most fascinating facets.

At 1 p.m. at the high school, Dr. Christopher McGowan, author of "Successful Dragons: a Natural History of Extinct Reptiles," shows why he thinks the creationists are wrong.

Countess Helen De Silaghi-Sirag claims her unusual psychic talents first appeared when she was 14 years old. She'll appear in person at the Acton library April 27 at 7.30 p.m. to demonstrate the reading of auras and to discuss astral projection, among other topics.

There is evidence that the Countess can, upon entering a trance state, tap the "universal consciousness" to produce psychic poetry or reach back into history.

Saturday, April 28, brings an invitation for one and all to "Munch to the Mystery Movies" from noon to 1.30 p.m. The Acton library would love to see you pack a lunch and drop by for some film fun.

Captain Bill James leads visitors into his own "World of Magical Myserty" at 2 p.m. in the library, while at 7.30, Francois Van Heerdon examines the "Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence." Telescopes will be on hand for some skyhunting weather permitting.

Also in the library starting at 7.30 is a Dungeons and Dragons tournament, for which contestants are urged to register in advance. Dungeon masters, who control the action in the hair-raising adventure game, are being lined up specially for the occasion, promising authentic and exciting fun.

Gain personally volunteers say

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Brothers to help fatherless boys, nursery school helpers, tutors for basic English, volunteers to answer a distress line and many others.

If you fill the bill, don't hesitate. Ask anyone who volunteers his time and he'll likely tell you he does it for selfish reasons. Statistics show that most volunteers have an peculiar mix of altruism and selfishness, such is the nature of the gratification they receive from their odd jobs.

Try it for a while, Maureen McCallum will tell you. If it turns out that you don't like the work, you're not bound by contract to keep volunteering against your will. Chances are, though, you'll find it more rewarding than you expected.

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From Pauline McNally

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Here's a no-cost beauty treatment. Save used tea bags in the refrigerator in plastic wrap. When eyes are tired, place the cold teabags on your closed eyelids, put your feet up, and rest five minutes. It really works. Be careful not to get any drops in your eyes.

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Hardened marshmallows will soften up fast if you dip the sealed plastic bag in hot water for a few minutes.

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