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**SWINGING INTO SUMMER:** Robert Little schoolchildren enjoyed monkeying on the bars during recess recently. They are looking forward to lots of summer play time! (Wendy Long photo)

## Summer reading at your library

The Acton Public Library has planned a summer of fun! Once again two Reading Clubs will be offered — one for independent readers and another for the younger set who are not yet able to read. Registration for these programs begins on June 29 and is ongoing through the summer.

“Trade Up to the Book Leagues” is the theme for the independent readers Reading Club. Participants are encouraged to read 15 books in total during the summer holiday months. Incentives of exciting Canadian and International author cards to trade and collect will be given upon registration and as the readers finish books three, six, nine, 12 and 15. Come out to the Weekly Reading Club Meetings which include literature-based activities and will be held on Tuesdays at 2 pm at the Acton Library.

The Read-to-Me program is designed for those children who are not yet reading. Parents, siblings or other family members may read to the child participating in this program. Upon registration a “Rookie Readers” Read-to-Me kit will be yours. A bookfinder and booklist are also included to assist you in choosing the 20 items you’ll want to share together to complete the program. Be sure to come and see us for your special surprise when you’re through!

Just 4 U is a new mini-series of programs for ages 8 to 13. Hands Up and Craft Surprise are the two programs in the series to be held this year. Hands Up, the summer version of the Battle of the Books will be back this summer. Register in advance to play on July 28 at 2

pm at the Acton Library. Craft Surprise will be making its debut on Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 2 pm at the Acton Library. Register in person or by phone to attend and make some awesome crafts!

Drop-In-Crafts, Sleepytime Stories and Movie Days are also scheduled at the Library this summer. Visit the Library to pick up your copy of the Children’s July-August brochure that contains all of the Summer Program details. For more information please call 873-2681.

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## Downtown Acton blooming again

BY TRINA VIRGIN  
Special to The Tanner

Downtown Acton is once again blooming with flowers, due to the efforts of Horticultural Society volunteers. A wide variety of flowers adorn the planters and hanging baskets complimenting the main street business area. The Laura Detrich Memory Garden, located on the Acton Library grounds, has been completed with a planting of shrubs and flowers.

The seasonal close of the Society’s monthly meetings was celebrated with a pot-luck dinner. Society business was concluded with final planning for the events outlined below. Monthly meetings will resume Sept. 21.

**Festival of Roses 93:** A Society bus trip is planned to visit the White Rose Sandoon Farm, Aug. 7. The event provides a rare opportunity to see over 300,000 roses in colourful and fragrant bloom. Renowned Horticulturist Ross Hawthorne will be on hand to answer questions and provide pro-

fessional insights about encouraging healthy roses.

Guided tours of the White Rose facilities will be conducted via shuttle and walking events.

A light lunch can be purchased on the grounds, or you can bring your own. A small fee for the bus will be dependent on the number of people participating, with entry into the grounds being free. We ask that you contact our event co-ordinator, Phyllis Patrick, at 853-0006 as early as possible so that we can effectively plan transportation requirements.

**Acton Annual Garden Contest:** All Acton gardeners are encouraged to enter this contest before July 9. Judgment will be held

for the two general categories of Flower and Lawn gardens and Vegetable Gardens. Each general category is further divided into the following: Rural Environments, Urban Environments, Commercial Environments and a special entry level Children’s Gardens. Please contact event co-ordinator Trina Virgin at 853-0519 for more information and registration forms.

A reminder that insecticides and herbicides are indiscriminate about what they kill. Mother Earth has developed a delicate balance of plant and wildlife, with each dependent on the other for survival. Please use caution and restraint when applying these chemicals in your gardens and lawns.

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### Rampage

A thriller based on the true story of a psychopath who kills and mutilates two families in Stockton, California in 1986. The film centres around his trial — the psychopath pleading insanity and the District Attorney trying to prove the attacks were premeditated. A gory film, quite graphic at times, with a predictable ending. *Rated R, 90 minutes, released in 1993.*

### Waiting

This is a bizarre comedy-drama set in Australia. Friends gather for the impending birth of Sandy’s child, each with their own selfish reasons for attending. As these reasons become apparent the group gets so caught up in each others antics that they almost miss the birth of the baby. Although there were a few chuckles it takes too much concentration to follow the sketchy plot. *Rated R, 95 minutes, released in 1993.*

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A Weekly Round-Up of Coming Events in Acton & Area

**July 7, Wednesday — 10:45 am:** Come and kick off the summer in style with Children’s entertainer-ventriloquist Mark Crocker & Chester. The show will be held at the Acton Library. Tickets are on sale now for \$3 per person. Children 5 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. Don’t miss it! For more information, call 873-2681.

**Summer Raffle:** Anyone interested in purchasing tickets to support Oasis Activity Program, please call 853-4477. First Prize: Tent & Cooler. Second Prize: Beach Package. Third Prize: Sports Package. Fourth Prize: \$25 IGA Gift Certificate. Tickets are \$1. Draw will be held Aug. 20, 1993.

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