

Moms will run library's reading, activity programs

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Laurie Young is not someone who sits back and lets someone work for her, so she has stepped forward with two other mothers, and offered to run Eramosa Library's summer reading incentive and activity programs.

Young will be joined by two Eden Mills mothers, Robin McLaren and Kathryn Smith, both with children school-aged or younger, running the programs through July and August.

"I volunteered because I feel it's important to contribute to the community," offers Young, 34, whose 5-year-old son Jacob will take part in the programs. "Reading has always been important to

my husband Wayne and me and we try to instill that in our children (also a son Lucas, 1)."

The summer reading program, entitled *Favourites of Mine*, consists of two different aspects: a reading incentive program and weekly activities program. Children can participate in one or both programs.

The reading incentive program, which runs from July 3 to Aug. 31 for 3 to 12-year-olds, encourages children to read through the summer months and to discover what makes a book one of their favourites.

After reaching levels of 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 books complete — they must be signed out of the library at least one day before being recorded — the child receives a prize for his or her accomplishment. They include *Favourites of Mine* activity sheets, *Favourites of Mine* sheet and a coupon for a popsicle, *Favourites of Mine* bookmark and coupon for McDonald's french fries, a coupon for Pizza Hut's personal pan pizza and a *Favourites of Mine* certificate and a coupon for mini-putt at the Rockwood Conservation Area.

Meanwhile, the weekly activity program, which runs from July 6 to Aug. 17, will have crafts or projects for Kindergarten to Grade

3 kids and Grade 4 to Grade 6 students and be rounded out with stories, songs and walks.

Tickets are required on an individual basis for each program. Some of them include a Canada Day theme, Earth Day, Fire Day, Water Day and Recycle Day. The program runs from 10 to 11 am for the K-3 group and 11 am to noon for the Grade 4 to 6s.

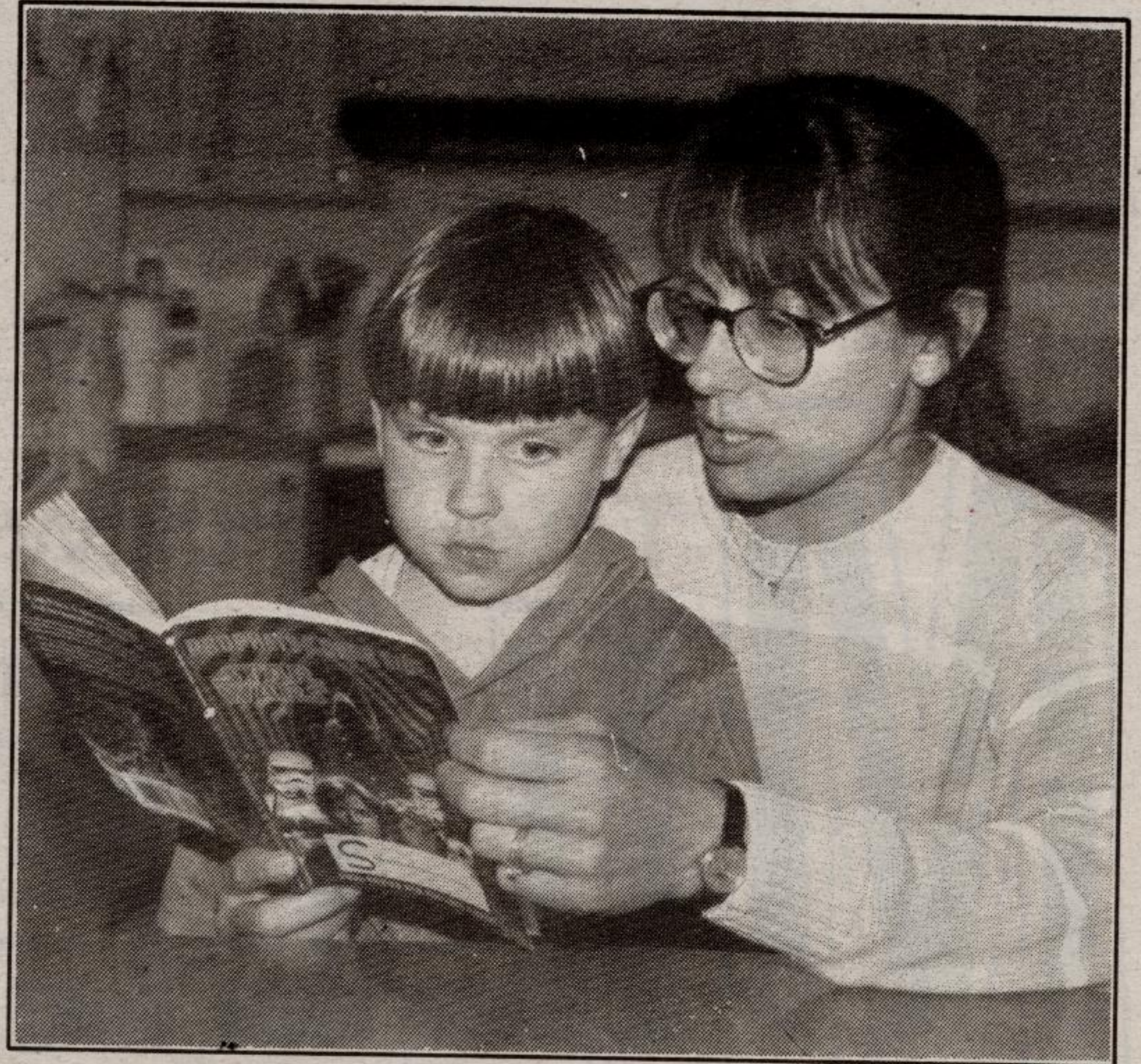
Young says the K-3 group is limited to 15 youngsters, while 20 will be the limit for the older group.

"For me it will be a teaching experience," admits Young, a seven-year resident of Rockwood. "It will be challenging keeping everyone entertained in a large time space.

"I'm not familiar with the needs and concerns of the older children, but I would like to know what's going on in their daily lives and what their interests are — hopefully what we're doing."

Active in the Sacred Heart parish council and on the committee for the Wellington County Separate School Board, Young says she and Wayne — a Beaver leader and soccer coach — participate in things they think are positive.

"I'm amazed at how so few people get involved and not just with the library, especially where your children are concerned,"



SUMMER READING!

Laurie Young reads *Star Wars* with her son, Jacob, 5. Young and two Eden Mills mothers have volunteered to run the reading incentive and weekly activity programs at the Eramosa Community Library this summer.

Young stated. "If you don't care, who's going to?"

She went on to say the local business people have been very supportive in donations to the programs. Knechtel's will supply

popsicles and Times and Seasons will provide the group with plants.

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