

Reference books tackle a wide variety of subjects

The other day while I was at my favorite hangout, the Milton Public Library, I spied a stack of books at the information desk.

"What are those?" I asked a staff member, a gleam coming into my eyes at the prospect of reading new books.

"They're some reference books that have just arrived," she replied. "We leave them here for a few days so the staff can take a look at them. Do you want to see them?"

"Sure," I said, and the two of us carried the pile to the nearest round table rather than to the checkout desk, since reference books must remain in the library.

There are approximately 3,000 reference books in the Milton Public Library. They used to be shelved together in one section, but now you'll find them more conveniently located with topics of a similar nature. For example, reference books dealing with war are now with the other war books. The bright orange spine labels with the words "for library use only", readily identify these volumes as reference books.

Military historians will want to leaf through two new additions to the library. The *Encyclopedia of 20th Century Warfare*, edited by Dr. Noble Frankland, explains the battles, commanders, weapons, and the strategic, tactical and political concepts involved in waging war. This book of 3,000 entries, 500 photos, maps and diagrams, and seven major essays also covers the hardware of war and the intelligence systems.

Barrie and Frances Pitt's *The Chronological Atlas of World War II* offers an at-a-glance world view of each month of the war (September 1939 - August 1945). Larger-scale, inset maps focus on the active theatres of war, specific operations, and individual actions in that month. Detailed, explanatory essays accompany the maps.

The 2500 entries included in three volumes of *The Illustrated Bible Dic-*

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tionary range from notes on place names to comprehensive articles on the books of the Bible, from studies of words to studies of doctrines. Full-color relief maps, charts, photos and illustrations of historic sites and artifacts make these books valuable for research or just browsing.

What started out for Margaret Pepper as a collection of her favorite quotations ended up as *The Harper Religious and Inspirational Quotation Companion*. Mrs. Pepper has drawn the 4,000 quotations from works by modern and ancient theologians, from poems, plays and diaries to the speeches of contemporary figures. You'll find words spoken and written by such prominent people as Confucius, Bob Dylan and Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable first appeared in 1870. Ivor H. Evans has just edited the 14th edition. This dictionary gives the meanings and origins of more than 20,000 words, phrases and proper names not usually included in conventional dictionaries.

The New Everyman Dictionary of Music, this sixth edition compiled by Eric Blom, provides biographical information on composers, performers and others concerned with classical music. In addition, the dictionary lists individual works, instruments, orchestras, and musical terms, influences and styles. Music examples help to explain technical terms.

Sports enthusiasts who want to recall memorable moments in American pro football can refer to David S. Neft's and Richard M. Cohen's *The Sports Encyclopedia: Pro Football, seventh edition, 1960-89*. The encyclopedia contains complete

rosters, statistics, seasonal summaries, as well as inside features for every season.

Jack Botermans has put together a beautifully illustrated book entitled *The World of Games — Their Origins and History, How to Play Them, and How to Make Them*. The 150 games from around the world include ancient and modern board games, dice, card and domino games, and more active pursuits such as darts and kite-flying. Games from different societies display surprising similarities.

Peter Unitt provides collectors with *Unitt's Canadian Price Guide to Dolls and Toys*. As well as current prices on dolls, you'll find listings for trains, banks and toys — soft, wind-up, battery-operated, friction, dinky, push-pull, and riding. A comprehensive index and a glossary of terms are included.

Looking at childhood from an en-

tirely different perspective is *The Encyclopedia of Child Abuse* by Robin E. Clark. This is the first reference book to offer an overall view of this shockingly prevalent phenomenon.

The 500 entries, set out in an A-Z format, treat every aspect of the problem — from psychological concerns to political and legal factors, from medical terms to sociological considerations. Charts and tables offer practical guidance for the non-professional in recognizing the basic characteristics of abused children and abusive caretakers.

Monte and Marjorie Forman and the editors of Consumer Reports Books are here to help us. *How To Clean. Practically Anything* tells you the most cost-effective and practical ways to clean all kinds of household and personal items. They also advise readers on buying and safely storing cleaning products.

J.A. Burnett calls on us in *On The Brink — Endangered Species in Canada* to reassess our lifestyles and consider how we affect the survival of other creatures and flora.

Mr. Burnett has broken the country into life zones — Arctic, Great Lakes, Prairies, etc. — and he describes the endangered species through text, photographs and commissioned paintings. Range maps show the country-wide distribution of each species. A chapter on recovery programs outlines practical steps that can be taken by individuals and groups who wish to assist in the work of preservation.

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Sunday Jan. 14

The Guelph Rod and Gun Club in Eden Mills will hold a turkey shoot at 12:30 p.m. The high scorer will win a trophy. Everyone is welcome.

Monday Jan. 15

Milton and District Horticultural Society meets at 7:45 p.m. at Hugh Foster Hall. Bonnie Coulter of Orchids N Lace shop will give flower arranging demonstrations.

Wednesday Jan. 17

Ladies are invited to a neighbourhood coffee hour in the main auditorium at Halton Centennial Manor from 9:30-11 a.m. An interlude of musical selections will be presented by Betty Davies and the guest speaker will be Doris Featherstone. Babysitting and admission are free. The event is hosted by the Milton Christian Ladies Coffee Hour.

Family Storytime, sponsored by the Milton Baha'i community, will be held at Hugh Foster Hall from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Organizers of the event, open to all parents and children, use humorous and serious stories relating to the challenges and choices of life. Call 878-3098 for more info.

Thursday Jan. 18

The Milton Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Hugh Foster Hall. The speaker will be Mr. Jack Bennett who will take Miltonians back to the 1930s and 1940s and to the music of those years.

Friday Jan. 19

The next meeting of the British-

Canadian Club of Halton will be a pub night in the upstairs room of the Manchester Arms in downtown Oakville at 8 p.m. For reservations, call 849-4700 (day) or 825-0451 (evening).

Monday Jan. 22

Halton Centennial Manor will hold the first meeting of a support group for people caring for aging relatives from 7 to 9 p.m. The group focuses on the needs of the caregiver. For more information, call Lauraine Andrews at 878-4141, ext. 167.

Brampton Parents Without Partners orientation and membership meeting will be held at the Bramalea Civic Centre at 7 p.m. Call Collette at 450-7962 or Chris at 454-4236.

Tuesday Jan. 23

The Women's Information and Support Centre of Halton continues its monthly speaker series with the topic — women and the law. Lawyers Catherine Campbell and Francine Van Melle will be in attendance. The event will take place at St. John's Church in Oakville at 7:30 p.m. Call 845-2007 for more information.

Thursday Jan. 25

Virtues development is the theme of children's classes, sponsored by the Milton Baha'i Community. The classes are open to children aged 3-7 years and address topics such as courtesy, reverence, service and generosity. Call 878-3098 for the location. Classes will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Living with Cancer Group will meet at the Milton Unit office of the Canadian Cancer Society, 751 Main St. E., from 7:30-9 p.m. Group discussions provide emotional support and practical guidance to patients, families and friends. For more information, call 878-5228 or 878-1876.


Friday Jan. 26

Prayers for the World will be hosted by the Milton Baha'i community to gather with those of other faiths and share prayers for the betterment of mankind. The event at Hugh Foster Hall will start at 8 p.m.

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