

Books for those who want to do it all by themselves

Let's take a look at some how-to books you'll find at Milton Public Library.

We have yet another book on origami, the popular art of paper-folding. Paul Jackson, a professional paperfolder (does he call himself an origamist?), offers us *The Complete Origami Course*. The oldest known designs of folded paper originated in Japan almost 1,000 years ago. Mr. Jackson has come up with more than 50 designs from origami enthusiasts,

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most of which have never before been published.

Everlasting Design by Diana Penzer is the dried flower lover's guide to creative arranging. Ms Penzer will

tell you about equipping a work space, buying materials and tools, working with dried flowers and fresh ones too, creating pressed-flower arrangements, and making fragrant potpourris.

With a few simple materials you can find at home or at the hardware or lumber store, you can make whirrigigs, those colourful, animated wooden wind toys whose swinging arms, sweeping wings and spinning propellers whirl in the breeze. In

Anders S. Lunde's *Whirrigigs: Design and Construction*, you will find two dozen patterns.

Sew, Serge, Press will save you time by recommending fast, professional techniques and products that work. Author Jan Saunders is willing to share the latest in sewing techniques. You can achieve her tailoring and couture touches on all types and makes of sewing machines, serges and presses. Throughout her book are profiles of well-known sewing celebrities.

Bob Vila also plans to save you time and money in his *This Old House Guide to Building and Remodeling Materials*. Mr. Vila will advise you on what to look for when buying lumber, the latest kitchen and bathroom products, what paint colours streak and fade, which tools to buy and which to rent. He'll give you all the information you'll need to plan your project and make estimates.

A perfect complement to the computer is the fax machine, according to Gerald V. Quinn, who has written *The Fax Handbook*. He covers topics such as; fax basics and how the machine works, advanced features, setting it up, combining it with the personal computer and troubleshooting.

As compact disc players gain in popularity the need for repairing them increases. Homer L. Davidson, a former radio and television repairman, has put together *Troubleshooting and Repairing Compact Disc Players* for electronics do-it-yourselfers. Mr Davidson is your guide to CD players — showing each section, circuit and component and explaining how they work together. All the latest technology used in designing tabletop, portable and automatic units has been included in this manual.

Skating director keeps her edge

"I read anything to do with CFSA," replied Patti Restivo when I questioned her about her reading habits.

CFSA is the Canadian Figure Skating Association and this sport has

played a big part in Mrs. Restivo's life for the last 11 years. Her 14-year-old daughter has been skating since she was three years old.

"When Cecily got into skating, I wanted to find out all about it." Mrs. Restivo admits she still has a lot to learn about the sport. She's been a member of the Milton Figure Skating Club's board of directors for seven years. In May she finishes her second year as president.

"When I have had the time to read lately I have been studying the accounting course offered by the CFSA. Last week I mailed off my latest exam. It took me a total of 24 hours to complete over the period of two weeks. If I pass it — and that means getting at least 75 per cent on each of the eight questions — I'll be able to do accounting at figure skating competitions above the club level."

In figure skating, accountants play an important role. Once judges have placed the skaters, the scoresheets are given to the accountants who then determine the winners.

Mrs. Restivo reads the quarterly publications published by the CFSA and the Central Ontario Section (of the CFSA). She regretted that there were so few publications that dealt with figure skating.

Until last year, Mrs. Restivo, an interior decorator, held jobs at The Bay and Simpsons.

"I began to resent the time I was spending at my job so I finally quit last June so I could put all my efforts into being president of the Milton club. I also spend a lot of time taking Cecily to her skating lessons and competitions."

Once Mrs. Restivo retires as president this spring, she plans to continue co-ordinating the skater development program which sponsors classroom and on-ice seminars.

As we were talking, Mrs. Restivo remembered a book she had received as a Christmas gift.

"I'm reading *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* by Robert Fulghum. It's on my bedside table so I pick it up and read the occasional anecdote. I'm really enjoying it. In fact, I bought a copy for my mother. A friend once narrated a section of the book to me and I especially liked listening to Fulghum's way of expressing himself."

Mrs. Restivo also chooses authors like Judith Krantz. "I want to read novels that let me escape. Life is hard enough. I prefer something light that isn't depressing."



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