

That's My Line



Bonnie Reynolds Children's Librarian

by Murray Moore

Children and adults checking out books in the children's department of the Midland Public Library for the last two weeks have been dealing with a new children's librarian. Bonnie Reynolds is a native of, and a resident of, the Wyebridge area.

The library job is her first permanent job and she is happy to have found it in the current poor job market.

A graduate of the University of Guelph, where she majored in both history and geography, Bonnie has had prior experience, both paid and volunteer, with children.

She is a Boy Scout leader, with her own colony of Beavers. "I've always worked with kids," she said.

And for the past two summers and part of last winter she was a short term contract employee of the Ministry of Natural Resources, in part conducting research on the War of 1812 for the Nancy Island museum, with the help of people such as Pierre Berton's researcher for two books on that subject.

Most recently she was one of four short-term employees for the Midland-Penetang Field Naturalists Club. Part of that job involved visiting any school in the county that requested a visit, giving a talk and showing slides and animal skulls.

Being a children's librarian is proving to be "a lot of fun," she said. "There's more to it than checking in and checking out books. I help children find books for their projects. I meet a lot of children."

Being a librarian is not the same as acting as a babysitting service, she explained. There turns out to be "a lot of paperwork" involved, ordering of new books, the typing of index and file cards.

Parents are interested in the books that their children read, she said. Parents come in to pick out books for their children. She prefers to see a parent and the child pick out the

child's books together. For one thing, a parent can moderate an enthusiastic young borrower who would think nothing of taking out 25 books to read at a time.

Some parents she suspects are taking out books for themselves, under the guise of taking out books for their children. She doesn't see anything wrong with adults reading so-called children's books: she reads them herself.

One personal project of Reynolds of the moment is the expansion of a history of Wyebridge which she wrote while in high school, and which was included in a collection of historical essays written by Simcoe County students, and published by Victoria and Grey Trust.

Reynolds is searching for photographs and other material that she can use to expand her essay to a size that will warrant publication on its own.

One difference between working for the Field Naturalists Club and the library is that the library is dry. One of the assignments for the Field Naturalists Club was a survey from end to end of the Sturgeon River. "I never saw so many beaver ponds in my life," Reynolds remarked.

"Kids and books: I guess that they are the two things that I am interested in."

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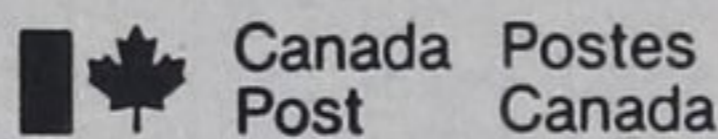
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New Year's Day is one of the oldest festivals in the world.

In Ontario, it is celebrated with joy and expectations for the coming year. It is a time for families and friends to gather together.

The highlight of this festival, however, is New Year's Eve, when fancy dress balls are held with much joy and mirth as the old year is ushered out and the New Year is ushered in.

However you celebrate the coming in of the New Year, the staff and the board of directors send you best wishes.



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First Class Letters	0-30 g	.30¢
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Special Delivery	1st Class Postage Plus	\$1.00
Certified Mail	1st, 3rd or 4th Class Postage Plus	\$1.00
Registered Mail	1st Class Postage Plus	\$1.85
Greeting Cards	0-50 g	.30¢
Third Class Items	0-50 g	.30¢
Parcels:		
e.g. 2 kg (4.4 lbs)	Toronto to Winnipeg	1st Class \$4.00 4th Class \$1.75
	Montreal to Quebec City	1st Class \$2.45 4th Class \$1.30
Telepost:	50 words	\$3.45

Mail for delivery to the U.S.A.

Air Mail Letters and Post Cards	0-30 g	.35¢
	30-50 g	.50¢
Greeting Cards	0-50 g	.30¢

Mail for delivery overseas

Air Mail Letters and Post Cards	0-20 g	.60¢
	20-50 g	.93¢
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Greeting Cards	0-20 g	.30¢

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