



The Joy of Reading

Lin Sullivan, vice-president of the Midland Area Reading Council, and Penetang librarian Rosemary Marchand dip into some of the books the Reading Council recently

donated to the four local libraries in Midland, Penetang, Port McNicoll and Victoria Harbour. Among the items donated

were talking books, cassette players and large print books, all to help adults learn how to read.

Reading council here to help

One in four estimated illiterate

It's estimated approximately one in four people in Midland are functionally illiterate.

That's an alarming statistic, based on the number of people who have not reached a grade nine education level.

"They're just people who didn't learn to read," says Lin Sullivan, vice-president of the Midland Area Reading Council.

"They're functionally illiterate," said Sullivan. "They can't pick up something and sit down and read it."

The Midland Area Reading Council recently donated talking books, tape recorders and large-print easy-to-read books to the four local libraries.

It is hoped by doing this, students learning to read from the council's tutors will have greater access to suitable reading material.

"Up until now, if an adult wanted to learn how to read he had to pick up children's books," says Sullivan. "These books have adult characters, they're adult stories, they're made for adults."

Today, Sept. 8, is World Literacy Day and in the next few weeks the reading council here is looking for people who can volunteer some time to become tutors.

"There is always a

waiting list of students," said Sullivan after a presentation of talking books in the Penetang Public Library.

Meanwhile, after a similar presentation in the Port McNicoll Public Library, Reeve John Moreau praised the reading council. "They should be highly commended," said Reeve John

Moreau.

Frances Whale, treasurer of the reading council, pointed out how valuable reading and writing are. "Think what it would be like if you couldn't read prescriptions, recipes, labels, road signs - you couldn't get a job because you can't even find the personnel office."

The reading council is

holding training workshops, 12-hour sessions at Midland Secondary School. They begin Sept. 21 and continue on Sept. 24, 28, and Oct. 1.

To register call 1-800-461-0218 toll free or by mail to Georgian College, School of Continuous Learning, 825 Memorial Ave., Box 2316, Orillia, Ontario, L3V 6S2.

There is a \$25 charge which will be reimbursed once the tutor takes on a student.

To contact the Midland Area Reading Council, call 526-9473.

Women to go on exchange trip to England

The Rotary Club of Midland is looking for four women age 25 to 35 to go to England as a group study exchange group.

Rotary District 701, of which Midland is a part, will send four women, and a Rotarian team leader and his wife, to London, England, for five weeks next March.

Fostering good will and understanding with people of other countries is the purpose of such Rotary exchanges.

The group coming to Rotary District 701 a year from now will spend three days in Midland and area.

Exchange group team members do not pay to participate. A team member can not be a Rotarian, a dependent of a Rotarian, or a relative of a Rotarian by blood or marriage.

Applicants for this exchange must be female, and engaged in business or a profession with at least two years of experience in her present occupation, a Canadian citizen, and work and live in Rotary District 701.

Among local people who have been on earlier Rotary group study exchanges are Austin Matthews, Michael Odesse, and Andy Wicksted.

"Members of the groups are carefully selected to ensure that they are worthy representatives of our culture, will benefit from the experience, and will contribute as members of a team," the club said.

Application can be made by contacting Roland Kuerzdoerfer (526-9154) after 6 p.m.

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First Fall meeting of League after Mass

Catholic Women's League of Sacred Heart Church in Port McNicoll are having the First Fall Meeting on Wed. Sept. 9 after the 7:30 Mass.

All Ladies of the Parish are welcome - come out and bring a friend.