

Many Services Offered By Richmond Hill Libraries

When we think of libraries we tend to think generally in terms of books. This is to merely tap the surface of the services to be found in a modern public library, and the Richmond Hill Libraries are right in there with the best of them.

There are pamphlets, magazines, records, films, film projectors and screens, tapes — all available for loan or reference use in the library. There is a telephone information service, and for shut-ins there is personalised home service.

There are microfilm readers, 16 mm and 35 mm, available for public use, a photo-copy machine, special extended loan periods for books borrowed during July and August. And if the local branch does not have the books, you want, it is likely that they will be able to get them for you through the interloan service, borrowing them from libraries scattered throughout the country via teleprinter or Telex requests.

The film department at the main library on Wright Street, Richmond Hill is so busy that it has a full-time technician in charge of programs, free film catalogues on a variety of subjects, and its own special number 884-0130. The main library number is 884-9288. And for general information, not related to the library, there is Helpmate Information (HI) with an office in the basement, telephone 884-2727.

Then, of course, there is the story hour for pre-schoolers

each Wednesday from 2:30 to 3:15 pm the year round. And while the children listen to the stories, their mothers watch films.

Through the summer months the library has been cooperating with the town's parks and recreation department and the VWCA, showing films to children participating in the summer playground programs a Park Y Day Camp. This program ended August 7.

Film Technician Suzanne Buxton and her helpers have been visiting six schools where playgrounds are located one day a week, showing films to the younger children in the morning, to the older children in the afternoon.

The children from two playgrounds which are within walking distance, McConaghy and MacKillop Public Schools — have been going to the library for their film viewing, and those from Park Y camp at Mill Pond Park went to Don Head Secondary to see their movies.

Library staff have been paying a two-hour visit, with films, screens and projectors, to Sunset Beach Camp, "Children In Participation", at Lake Wilcox each Tuesday morning, spending one hour with the younger children and one with the older age group.

ages will be shown in the children's room beginning at 7 pm. The room can accommodate up to 100 children seated on the comfortably carpeted floor, and on occasion they have squeezed in even more.

There is more than stories and films for children at the library. A craft day is planned for August 20, beginning at 2 pm. The youngsters will be shown how to make paper bag puppets. Participants will be asked to take their own bags. All other materials will be supplied by the library.

Children are not the only ones accommodated by the film library. Films and projector, with staff member to operate it, have visited a local nursing home. Another nursing home in the area, which has its companies for previewing films.

And there are facilities at the libraries regularly used by agencies, organizations and private companies for previewing films. For example, public health nurses were in to see films they were considering for use in prenatal classes.

The local library's stock of films is limited, but reels on just about every topic are available through interloan. There are tennis films, including one of Billie Jean King; a sailing series made by the BBC; camping films, water safety, gardening, nature, travel, sex education, pioneer living, art, health and safety, business, women's lib., children's stories and cartoons.

Individuals may borrow films free, but there is a service

charge not exceeding \$3 for use of screens and projectors.

Popular with the public are old comedy movies — Laurel and Hardy, Buster Keaton, W. C. Fields, Charlie Chaplin, etc.

Music films available include the award-winning "The Bolero". Then there are films on how films are made. Two of the most outstanding are the making of "Fiddler On The Roof" and "Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid".

York Regional Police get films from the library for their safety education program in the schools, to demonstrate why children should not talk to strangers, why they should not take a ride from a stranger. These films are also available to parents.

Richmond Hill-Thornhill Family Services borrow film relating to family and social programs, and church groups borrow a variety of films.

In fact there are films for all ages running from 10 to 90 minutes, and on just about every topic. Requests for stag films cannot be met, but the library tells the enquirer that if he can get the film elsewhere he may borrow a screen and projector. They laugh off accusations of "discrimination" and "censorship".

Present stock includes four 16 mm sound projectors, two 60" by 60" screens, dual eight projectors, slide projector, and super-eight sound projector.

Magnetic stripping is available for people who wish to

make sound tracks for home movies or wish to make permanent musical recordings. Film library staff will show the customer how to use them.

Another service is a series of reference books giving extensive reviews of films currently being shown at theatres and on television, including a list of credits for each film.

Staff always welcomes calls from entertainment and program committees, offering suggestions and giving previews of appropriate films.

Keen as they are, the film people are not offended if library users want to do their own thing. For example, mothers of story-hour children have been talking about introducing speakers and crafts sessions to supplement their program, and library staff hope to have a suitable line-up of prospective speakers and instructors ready to present to them in the fall.

Miss Buxton has a word of warning for the prospective borrower — plan ahead. It may take a few days to locate and obtain the film requested through interloan. And with movies becoming increasingly popular at children's parties, service club meetings, assemblies of church and parent groups, etc., the film requested may not be immediately available.

Yes, the film library in the basement at 24 Wright Street is a busy place, and getting busier every day.

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AURORA: Council has agreed to an increase in the mileage rate paid to Aurora Bus Lines Limited for local public transportation. The company will get 70¢ per mile instead of 65¢. Owner Ron Farquharson had asked council to increase the rate to \$12 an hour.

AURORA: Councillor Peter Miller has told council it should "tear down" the community centre sign on Yonge Street North because it's an eyesore.

STOUFFVILLE: The former Paul's store on Main Street will be leased for a three year period to serve as a town library.

Collision Takes Life American Visitor

An accident July 31 at Highway 7 and Bathurst Street took the life of an American tourist.

Provincial Police said that Howard Kirby, of Mount Vernon Highway, Atlanta, Georgia, was killed when his car was in collision with a car and a tractor-trailer, about 5:30 pm.

Police said that Charles Baker, 327 North Taylor Mills Drive, Richmond Hill, was traveling east on No. 7 in his tractor-trailer when he braked his vehicle, only to cross into the westbound lane and the Kirby car.

The latter was then pushed into another westbound vehicle driven by Kenneth Baspin, RR 1, Stroud.

Total damage to the vehicles involved was \$20,000.

AURORA: The subdivision development scheduled for Hunter's Wood will be known as "Village In The Valley". It will be estate-type development, and is located on the northwest corner of Bloomington Road and Bayview Avenue.

"THE LIBERAL" is always willing to publish items regarding people and events contributed by its readers in Maple, Concord, Teston, Kleinburg, Maple, please phone Mrs. Eva Hawkins at 832-2314; in Concord, Mary Dawson at 884-8177; in Kleinburg Margaret Lade, at "The Liberal", 884-8177.

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Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Chris Ratchford Phon 884-7030

Branch Library Now Open For Members

Let us see, just where did we leave off last week? Got it: we were reporting that more and more of our members were returning to home base after enjoying their annual holidays. Among those returnees were: Frank Barber and family, Rick and Mary Pillage. Some of those taking off this week are the Charlie Robsons, Marsh and Enid Amos, Bill and Barbara Robson just to name a few. We sincerely hope that they all have a safe and enjoyable time to return home safely. These sentiments go to all of our readers as well.

Is everybody ready for the BIG PARADE? Have you got your names (this for members only) on the list for being one of those on the transportation junket? If not, get cracking. Time is awasting. Just possibly we will have our own pipe band with us this year. So some along and maybe we can come up winners of one of the prizes for marching units. Bus(s) leaving Legion at 9:30 am, returning from CNE at 4:00 pm.

We are happy to report that there are no new members on the sick parade. Sure hope that everyone else is staying healthy. The nice weather is too good to miss by being ill.

Let us all sing happy birthday to Christine Ratchford who celebrated her day on August 2 while Ted Green celebrates this coming Sunday. Best greetings to any of our friends who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. May you all have many more.

Saturday, July 27, the lady members of Branch 375 were entertained at a barbecue and swim party hosted by Rita and Douglas Hopson. Everyone had a splashing good time and then that handsome and debonair chef Tom McKeage did his thing as only he can. Those mouth watering steaks sure disappeared in a hurry. We all wish to give a hearty vote of thanks to the Pres and his lady for their hospitality.

We have started something new this week. We call it did you know? Did you know that we now have a station library. Oops sorry about that, we mean branch library. We have a few mysteries, a few romances, some western and even a "Doc Savage". Speaking of the last, do you remember those good old Shadow books, Doc Savage and the like. Gosh if you do then you are just as old as we. Did you know that, effective August 6th, we are having Business Men's Luncheons. Having read the menus, sure sounds like a good deal. Maybe we will see you there. Did you know that we have a lost and found department. Sure would like to see the owners pick up their sweaters, jackets and miscellaneous pieces of jewellery. Did you know that the winner of the weekly raffle on Friday evening was Charlie

Espey. Congrats Charlie.

Did you know that every Friday evening we have a "Free and Easy" night with live entertainment. While on this subject did you know that - beginning in the fall - we will be having live entertainment every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Come on out some time and join in the fun. Good music and good people to meet. Sure hope we will see you here next week.

Ned and Sally Cook have taken up residence in Nova Scotia. Several members have dropped into to visit with them and report that they are doing well. The Cooks send their best wishes to all their many friends here in the Hill.

Guess this will be all for this time round. Not very much doing this week. Sure hope to do better next week.

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COME AND DISCUSS them at the Planning Department (Municipal Building) Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays until August 15th.

GO TO THE PUBLIC MEETINGS beginning at 7:30 p.m., Ward 5, August 15th at Lake Wilcox School and in the Council Chambers: Ward 1, August 15th; Ward 2, August 20th; Ward 3, August 22nd; Ward 4, August 26th; Ward 6, August 29th.

SEND IN WRITTEN COMMENTS TO:

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