

# Libraries needed chairman says

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"When the budget is short, either book purchases or staff have to be cut. So the book budget gets cut."

"I don't think Canadians have been brought up to read as much. They aren't exposed to books as in some other countries. Also there are a great many other distractions now."

"We haven't been able to meet our expectations in the matter of books yet at the new Thornhill main branch. But our libraries seem to have a very good selection of books and materials," says Chairman Short.

The board always has to look ahead to new library sites where development is going on.

A site is going to have to be planned along with major development of a mixture of housing and industry on the Massey farm south of Unionville next to Metro.

The other big problem will be the Markham project between Conc. 7 and Unionville.

This plan will mark an important addition to the Markham population and will have to have a library, says Short.



LARRY SHORT  
Library chairman

## Nursery school general meet Monday night

The Top O' The Hill Nursery School will hold its annual general meeting Monday night, October 24, beginning at 8 p.m.

The Co-op Nursery School is located on Major Mackenzie Drive, Richmond Hill.

Included at the meeting will be an election of officers. For further information call 884-7012.

## French greeting to Quebec may appear in papers

The One Canada Day committee in Markham is planning to publish a greeting in French in French in French in selected Quebec newspapers.

The greeting is to be in the name of the citizens of Markham, representing the wishes of the people of Markham. It will read as follows:

"We want you to know that we, the citizens of Markham, value the friendship of our French speaking fellow Canadians."

"Sharing one country from sea to sea is a source of pride to all of us. Long may we continue in unity."

"May our hearts and minds be open to each other as we go forward together towards a greater Canada."

Notice of intent to publish the greeting was received without comment in Markham council last week.

It came in a letter from Mrs. Fran Rutke, 29 Jonquil Crescent, on behalf of the committee.

The committee is also completing a canvass for petition signatures which it is hoped can soon be delivered to Quebec Premier Rene Levesque.

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# Summer job started a full-time career for library chairman

A summer job in the publishing business started a lifetime career in book sales for Larry Short, this year's volunteer chairman of Markham Town library board.

In those depression years of the 1930s a job was more important than high school, so he never went back to school. He stayed with McClelland and Stewart Ltd. until the Second World War carried him off to the Canadian Navy. His worst suffering in the war was seasickness.

Born in Toronto, he attended Parkdale area schools. Back from the war he married wife Marion in 1946.

Chairman Short went back with McClelland and Stewart after the war. He joined Copp Clark Publishing.

Next he joined William Collins, Sons and Co. Canada Ltd. He has been with them for 27 years, travelling all over the nation selling trade books (novels etc.) to bookstores, department stores and libraries.

His selling activities don't conflict with his sitting on the Markham library board. All the system's books are purchased through the Central Ontario Regional Library at Richmond Hill.

The Shorts bought the former Noble

farmhouse as a family centennial project and have lived on Kennedy Road since.

They have two married sons. Richard is a high school teacher and Robin is in the film industry.

Larry Short joined the library board by council appointment almost two years ago and was elected chairman starting last January.

Short says he's really no committee man. Rules of order at meetings just annoy him. But his library board is divided up into committees like any other such group and is getting the job done.

He thinks libraries are vital to the community. Somebody has to do the job of sitting on the library board. So he does it.

There's no pay involved, not even mileage. If the budget allows, he can go to national or provincial conventions. But the budget often doesn't allow.

The work is interesting, he says. He's long been selling books to libraries and has always admired the work librarians do.

"They do more for the community than is generally realized," Library Chairman Short says.

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**The Town of Richmond Hill**

## PUBLIC MEETING WARD 2

A Public Meeting will be held in THORNHAVEN SCHOOL (north side of Centre Street, east of Newkirk Road),  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24th, 1977**  
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H. David Schiller,  
Mayor

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