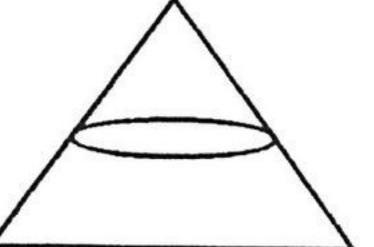


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Heavens, Look at the Time!

Two and a half years ago I walked through the door of the Ann Farwell Public Library for the first time. It was a lively beginning for one of the most interesting times in my working life.

I had quite a few challenges facing me. The triple perils of government cutbacks, amalgamation and automation loomed ahead while I had the immediate problem of keeping enough books on the shelf to ensure that library users were suitably informed and entertained, all in 17 hours a

week. Fortunately, it was lots of fun and I had plenty of help along the way. Support for the library and its projects has always been spirited and generous. Truly, it has been a privilege to serve in this community.

As many farewells as be stars in heaven...

Every meeting eventually leads to a parting, and it's time for me to go. Recently I have accepted work with the Hastings and Prince Edward District Board of Education as a Library Technician. What can I say? They offered me twice as much money plus unlimited opportunities to expand and develop my skills. I just want to say that I have had a wonderful time in your library and I will miss you all.

Here's your hat, what's your hurry...

I would never forgive myself if I left without saying something profound about the occasion. Since I'm not too handy that way, I thought I would let William Shakespeare do it for me.

> Time is like a fashionable host, That slightly shakes his parting guest by the hand, And with his arms outstretched, as he would fly, Grasps in the comer: welcome ever smiles, And farewell goes out sighing.

Troilus and Cressida Act III, scene iii

P. S. Story Time will be held every other Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. starting October 15. And don't forget the giant book sale sponsored by all the different Friends of the Library groups in the County. It will be held on October 24 and 25 in the Bristol Building (where Books on the Bay is) in Picton. See you there.

- Janet Elson

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