

In honour of the Milford Fair's theme of celebrating our wonderful farmers, we are suggesting books in our column this month that highlight farmers and farming. We will also have a display of related books in the Milford branch throughout the month, so please drop in and check it out.

The history of farming is, of course, of great importance and two in the collection that deal specifically with the topic are *Remembering The Farm:* Memories Of Farming, Ranching, And Rural Life In Canada, Past And Present by Allan Anderson, and A Rural Legacy: The History Of The Junior Farmers' Association Of Ontario by Linda Biesenthal, with the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario. Inheritance: Ontario's Century Farms Past & Present by John and Monica Ladell with illustrations by Bert Hoferichter is another book that traces the history of farming.

At the Archives in the Wellington branch of the library, you will find the unique *Prince Edward County, Ontario: The Garden County Of Canada* published in 1913 by the Associated Farmers' Clubs of Prince Edward County. This is a reference book at the Archives and does not circulate, but an interesting book for the history buff.

More current, and on the shelf, is *Sharing The Harvest: How To Build Farmers' Market And How Farmers' Markets Build Community!* by Mary Ann Colihan and Robert T. Chorney.

Another popular title is Locavore: From Farmers' Fields To Rooftop Gardens: How Canadians Are Changing The Way We Eat by Sarah Elton. Recreational Farming: Finding And Working Your Own Place In The Country by Eric Winter is a how-to that may be of interest.

For the younger set, consider *Growing Food We Eat* by Barbara J. Patte, all about how the food we eat is grown, soil conditions and other practical matters.

Lastly in the non-fiction category, two useful books might be *The Organic Companion: Gleanings From Canadian Organic Growers* by Janet Wallace, and *The Organic Manifesto: How Organic Food Can Heal Our Planet, Feed The World, And Keep Us Safe* by Maria Rodale with a foreword by Eric Schlosser.

And because everyone likes funny stories set on the farm, why not pick up *Wingfield's Hope: More Letters From Wingfield Farm* by humourist playwright Dan Needles.

There are many other titles on the subject of farmers and farming, all of which can be viewed online on the library's website at www.peclibrary.org or drop in to the Milford branch to speak to a staff member. If there is a title you are interested in reading that is not in the collection, we may be able to order it in from another library in Ontario through Interlibrary Loan. You can also make a purchase request for a title by contacting the library or e-mailing: bsweet@peclibrary.org and you will be first on the list when the book is brought in.

As fall arrives, we are looking to programs and events you might like to see in the library. Let us know your thoughts. Already there is interest in starting up the Knit and Chat drop-in group again. Anyone interested in getting more information or being part of the group is asked to give their name at the desk at the Milford branch or call 613-476-4130 and someone will be in touch with you.

Library Hours

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Friday 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Open certain evenings for special events and club meetings

