

LIBRARY RE-LOCATES

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Three years after that first meeting, the Library Board set June 14, 1969 as the day the official opening and dedication of the Six Nations Public Library.

Members of the Soroptimist Club of North Toronto and North York attended the opening and presented the Librarian, Mrs. Lillian Montour with a copy of the book "The Canadian Indian", an illustrated history of the Great Tribes of Canada by Fraser Symington, for the Library. The same Club also donated money and furnishings for the Board Room located on the second floor of the building.

Also Mr. Walter Rutherford of Brantford had donated several books and pamphlets on Indians and \$950 was presented by Mr.

Stanley Cooper of the Dixie Cooksville Rotary Club.

At the Opening the Library Board received congratulatory greetings from federal parliament, provincial parliament, the City of Brantford, Department of Indian Affairs and many other organizations. Mrs. Bernice Loft Winslow did the honours in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Other members on the Board throughout the three years of planning were Mrs. Walter Hunter, Mrs. Arnold Hill, Mrs. George Jamieson, Mrs. George Garlow, Mrs. Ethel Wright, Mr. Norman Lickers, Mrs. Rena Hill, Ms. Sylvia Poodry, Richard Isaac, Frank Montour and Mrs. R. Point.

Last year the Library Board

decided that the existing building was not adequate for their expanding operation; so, they approached the Six Nations Council with the idea of demolishing the present building or donating an alternate site where they could build a new Library. This particular project never materialized but the Library continued to grow.

The Library now has a juvenile membership of 929 and an adult membership of 944. They own approximately 4,237 books as opposed to 1,402 in 1968. They have 36 encyclopedia sets, 56 large print books and 3 talking books. They have 17 different titled magazines and they loan films at a rate of 15 per month. They also have an inter-library loan system.

The Public Library sponsors creative writing and oral communication contests for grades 7 and 8 and as well donate to the cross-country.

They sponsor story hours for the children and special programs featuring puppet shows, a magician, folk singing and Max Theatre Groups.

The present Library Board consists of Chairlady, Mrs. Olive Moses; Secretary, Keith Lazenby; Treasurer, Arliss Skye; Peter Smith, Council Representative; Rev. Robert Hayne, Ministerial Association Representative; Ruth Isaac, Teacher's Association Representative and Mrs. Anne General, Librarian.