

New computer is on line at library

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is stepping into the 21st century a little early, thanks to the hi-tech success of computer-aided services.

The project, which gives Stouffville the distinction of having the second operational system to oversee circulation, reserving and catalog searching of materials in Ontario, has been in the works for the last 18 months.

Library employees had to catalogue 35,000 books, videos, cassettes and talking books, as well as some 2,800 library

patrons before launching the system.

Now, by pushing a few buttons, library users can search for materials by subject, author or title.

The main advantage of the system is its ability to locate quickly materials needed by library patrons.

And what will the future bring? Officials say home catalogue searches, book reserves and inter-library loans will be available via a computer modem.

McNeil Pharmaceutical Ltd. in Stouffville held a kickoff recently for its employee United Way fundraising drive. Gearing up for the campaign are (from left) Nancy Mungall, Norma Card, Whitchurch-Stouffville United Way chairman, Diane Szymanowski, Pam Goulbourne, Diane Laviolette and Les Gagnon, McNeil president.

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