

More Editor's Mail

Reading is no problem with credit vouchers for kids

Dear Editor,
As a senior citizen who grew up before television, I took a great deal of pleasure in reading. I loved to escape, via a good book, to far away places and meet interesting people.

Therefore, I was most concerned that my two preteen and early-teen grandchildren disliked reading. They groaned when required to do a book review for school. They

would much rather watch T.V. I gave books for birthdays and Christmas, which were received with polite thanks, but were hardly ever opened.

I had the idea of giving them a credit voucher at John Lord's Book Store. It was a hit! They both spent happy hours on several occasions spending their money. Admittedly, some choices were Stephen King's horror stories, but they also chose

James Herriot and the like. The important thing was that they were reading and enjoying it. John's cheerful welcome and "no problem" attitude helped immensely. Each child had a pretty little

card and he wrote in it each time they bought a book.

The youngest grandchild, now 17 and a senior in high school, has asked for a credit at a book store for this Christmas.

I thought that some of your readers, who might also have a similar problem, might be interested in my lucky solution.

Audrey Phipps
Stouffville

Help for head injured

Dear Editor,
I'd like to bring to your attention the plight of persons who have sustained a head injury, due to some kind of trauma to the brain.

Most patients are sent to a trauma unit in a major hospital for immediate treatment. Because of this, their lives are saved.

But the families are then left almost totally on their own to find the appropriate rehabilitation clinics and therapy.

Most patients end up going to the U.S. for expert advice and programs. That means OHIP foots these bills in the U.S. dollars - which means millions of dollars are going across the border.

This has to stop.

The monies must stay in Canada to perfect our own programs and need facilities.

One such group was formed Nov. 24 in York Region in Richmond Hill. A speaker from the Ontario Head Injury Association was in attendance and answered families' questions.

For more information they can call 773-4152 in the evenings. We want to reach the many isolated families out there who are feeling hopeless.

Now there is hope.

Jan Fisher

A note of thanks to samaritan

Dear Editor,
I owe a lot to the person who found and returned my briefcase containing important papers and my diabetes glucometer to your office recently.

I hope this thank you note is brought to that person's attention.

Bill Nahr,
Unionville

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