

Library news

Library study nets new selections

A favorite question to librarians is, "If you were stranded on a desert island what five books would you want to have?" You'll never get a short answer to this question.

We read a wide range of material.

We try out much of the genre fiction, both adult and juvenile material, biographies, histories and on and on . . . Occasionally, we even peek at the Fox Jones Facility Feasibility Study.

Still, when we received our copy of this report, it was passed around the staff room so we could take notes and get ideas.

It was wonderful to get feedback from our community and you may now see some of the changes based on your many suggestions.

For instance: " . . . more science, technology and math." — Please check the catalogue for books on a variety of subjects, such as genetics, computers, virtual reality, time, and scientists.

"More newer sci-fi (not the

fantasy sort)" — The science fiction and fantasy share one genre label which makes it difficult to locate one genre. Recently, we've begun to code the paperback fantasy titles with a purple dot so readers can find more quickly the genre of their choice.

Also, many of the titles are found in the paperbacks.

"More Christian literature for all ages." — The fiction is arranged by author's surname in three areas: hardcover, Large Print, and paperback. Some of the Christian literature is not classified as fiction, so it is located under the 200s, in both adult and juvenile areas.

"French books are in poor supply with extremely poor choice for teens" — We created

a display of the French material and spoke with the Dickson Hill school.

It seemed, part of our problem was very few people knew we had any!

Then we discovered that what was needed was project material, so we now have such titles as, *Le Titanic Perdu . . . et Retrouve*, *Pluies Acides*, and *Les Etoiles et les Planetes*. Now, if we can only get our young patrons to tell us when they need the information in French.

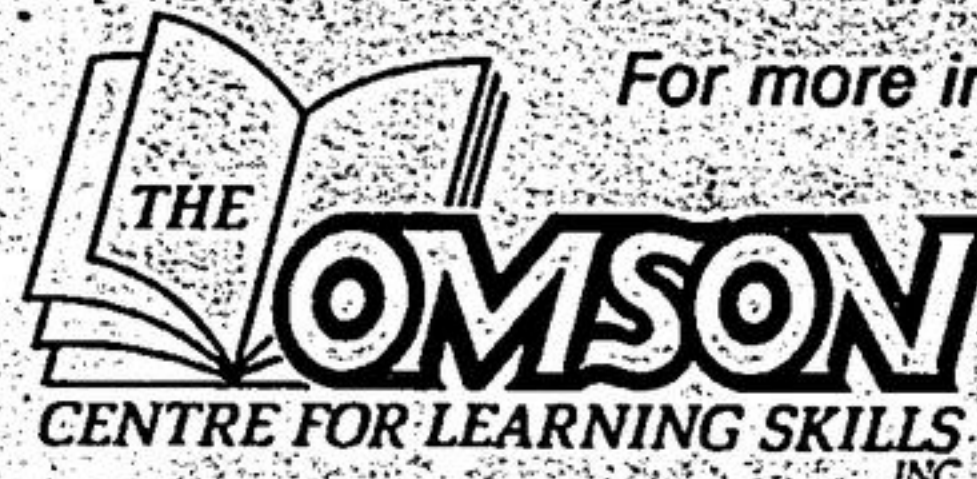
Of course, there are a lot of other suggestions which we are working on. In the meantime, if you find yourself stranded at the library, there is a copy of this report kept in the Reference section. (Note: Listening to Prozac is now in).

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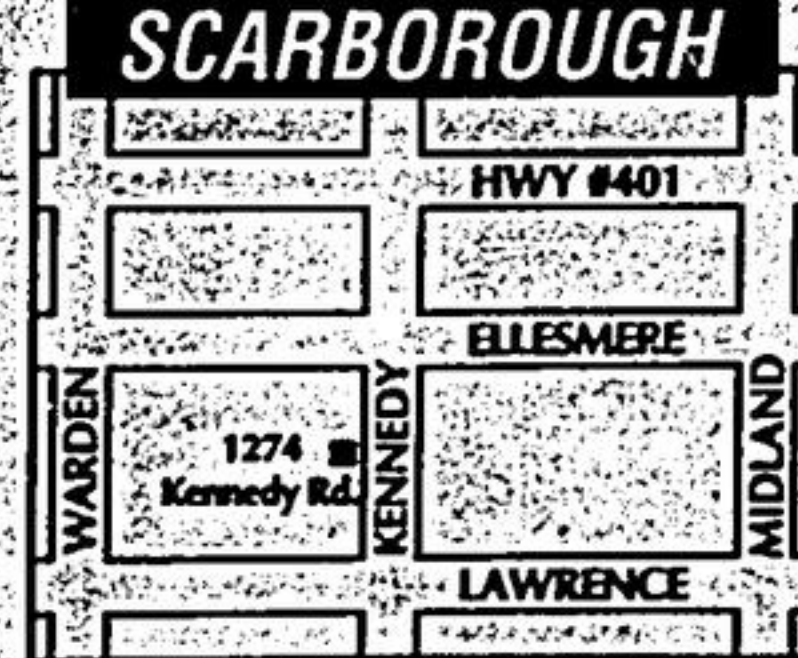
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Happy New Year!

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Well, it may come as a surprise, but there is a calendar followed by a growing number of people who celebrate New Year when the winter's over!

The Bahá'í calendar was designed in the last century to mark the beginning of a new spiritual age in the life of mankind. It has 19 months of 19 days each, nine of its own holidays, and its New Year arrives on the Vernal Equinox, March 21st.

New Year in spring: an idea the world is warming up to!



March 21st
The First Day of Spring
... and the first day of the New Year!