

Library News

Giant book sale starts on May 15

Books! Books! Get your books at the library. Four days in May have been set aside for the annual booksale. Mark your calendar, Thursday, May 16 to Sunday, May 19 for free admission to the 'Giant sale of previously enjoyed books'. Of course, if you're really eager, you can attend the Collectors Hour for \$10, on Wednesday evening, May 15, 7 to 8 p.m.

So make a date to attend the Booksale at the library. There's lots of time to fit it into a busy schedule.

Wednesday, May 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. \$10 for the Collector's Hour

Thursday, May 16 - Friday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 18 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 19 - 1 to 5 p.m.

This is a major event for everybody! Sometimes it's possible to find an old favorite you thought you had forgotten. It's definitely a great fundraiser for the library, with all proceeds going to the library development fund. It's also a fantastic way to pick up reading material for the cottage.

The cottage! That place where we go when the sun finally comes out and we can get away from it all and contemplate the good old days.

Now if you want an interesting perspective on the good old days, try Helen Heenay's book, *Life Before Medicare*. This is a collection of anecdotes which provides a humane perspective of a "colder, harder life".

For example, the family who had six children, four of whom had to have their tonsils out. It was decided that it would be cheaper to do all six children, and to further reduce the cost, the operation would take place at home, on the kitchen table.

Or how about the many families who spent years paying off medical bills? As one woman puts it, in those days, you went into debt because of medical bills, not for luxuries.

This book will make us appreciate our current summer days at the cottage.

Diabetes meeting Monday

The monthly meeting of the York Region Diabetes Association will take place on May 6, at 7:30 pm in the community room of the Markham police station.

The speaker at this month's meeting is psychiatrist Dr Mark Berber, who will discuss the psychological complications of diabetes.

The station is located at the corner of McCowan and Carlton Roads. For more information, call 887-9639.



DR MARK BERBER

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To my teacher,

Did I ever thank you ...

In between algebra and problem solving

In between grammar and creative writing

In between science experiments that failed or were left unfinished

In between Wagner and Van Gogh

In between tears and laughter

In between class parties and tests

In between breaths as we entered the final lap

In between lost notes and creative excuses

In between days of energy and times of complete fatigue

In between misunderstanding and enlightenment

In between lessons on forgiveness and tolerance

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In between strict rules tempered with a sense of humour

In between graduation and new beginnings

Thank you.

To the public,

As I look back on my years of teaching, most of my memories are fond ones, memories of students I taught and memories of those with whom I taught. I am especially proud of what I have accomplished.

When I decided to become a teacher it wasn't because of the money because I wasn't well paid. And it wasn't because I would be off all summer. Mind you, that aspect was appealing but I used some of the summers to supplement my income and later I used some to upgrade my credentials. I suppose I teach because I think I have something to offer. We all have something to offer society. We all choose how we would best accomplish this goal. Yet, my career choice is always the subject of scorn. In some circles, I am a professional with a very poor public image, viewed by many as overpaid and underworked.

I do the best I can teaching your children high moral values, social and academic skills, coupled with a sense of fairness for all. Your children are part of a group, part of several groups which I teach daily. Each child has her or his needs, some students have special needs. I deal with them all.

I do the best I can under, at times, very difficult circumstances. The one thing that has inspired me to persevere all these years, no matter what city I taught in, nor which board I worked for, is the children. They made my job fun to do!

I am a person too. I have dignity. I deserve to be respected, to be treated fairly. I have earned it.

I am somebody. I am a teacher!

To the politicians,

"Don't bother coming into my classroom to tell me what's wrong. I know what's wrong. There are too many kids in this classroom and that's what's wrong. There are too few supplies to teach with and that's what's wrong. There are too many children who come to school hungry, tired, unloved and unsupervised and that's what's wrong.

At times it seems the whole society is dumping all its problems in our classroom expecting us to be minister and parent and social worker and police officer. That's what's wrong. And there's far too little support from people like you Mr. Politician - and that's what's wrong.

So unless you have some help to offer - go away, because I'm doing the best I can every day to teach these children, in spite of my own human shortcomings. Unless you can help me get on with my job, get out of my way, you'll only make things worse."

John Royr, Former President, National Education Association

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