

Library News

Oprah Winfrey causes mad rush for three book titles

The power of Oprah Winfrey is awesome. This week it was illustrated by the book requests in our library.

Three books, in particular, were in high demand: Jane Hamilton's Book of Ruth, Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison and Deep End of the Ocean by Jacquely Mitchard.

The first two books were written several years ago so the sudden interest in them was puzzling. We had copies of all the titles except Song of Solomon (We have it in cassette and talking book) so we phoned John Lord to see if we could pick up a paperback. John didn't have one. He had had so many requests for the title he could have sold it 20 times over.

"What's going on?", he wondered along with library staff. Well, we found out when we questioned the next patron who requested the three books. "They were on Oprah", we were told.

The gist of the explanation seems to be that Oprah challenged the literacy of her fellow Americans and started an on-the-air book club with these recommended titles. The patron we questioned said she

had also tried to buy a book in one of the largest book stores but it had sold out. We heartily applaud Oprah's promotion of books and literacy but please, Ms. Winfrey, let us know the titles you will be recommending ahead of time so we are prepared for the deluge of requests.

Beyond Craft

Many people were disappointed that The Latham Gallery's Beyond Craft was not held this fall. The exhibition of unique crafts provided an excellent opportunity to select that meaningful gift for someone special. Yourself, perhaps. However, don't be disheartened. Beyond Craft fans, the popular show has been rescheduled and will now take place in Spring of '97.

Lemonville Church

Arthur Critchley, who compiled the newly published The History of Lemonville United Church 1854-1996, has donated a copy to the library and it is now in our Local History collection. The book is well-indexed and illustrated with photographs that pictorialize the growth of the church and its community.

Community of Stouffville

Growth is also the subject of the Background Report of The Community of Stouffville Secondary Plan now on display in the reference area. The purpose of the report is to summarize the key factors which should be considered in the preparation of future land use alternatives for the Stouffville Study Area.

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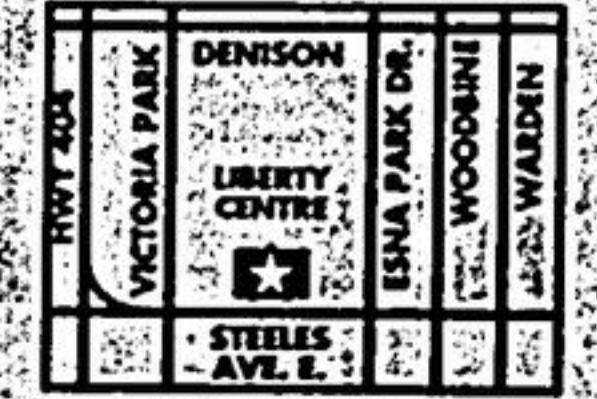
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