



1990 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

To: The Rideau Lakes Union Library Board and Councils of the Participating Municipalities

Please find attached hereto the Budget for the year 1991, which was passed unanimously at the Board's meeting on November 22, 1990. You will note that there have been some very modest increases over the 1990 Budget.

Salaries have been increased by 5%, which the Board considers to be a cost of living increase only. There have been no merit increases even though we would like to reward the competency of our staff. We have added \$1,000.00 to our book budget but as libraries are required to pay a net G.S.T. on books of 3.5%, the real gain to our book budget is minimal. Our 1991 Budget calculations were based on an estimated 4 1/2% increase over the 1990 grant from the Province and on there being 5,002 households in our participating municipalities. Using those figures, we will require \$7.615 per household in 1991. This represents a 39.5¢ (or 5.5%) increase in the household levy.

The Rideau Lakes Union Library continues to provide good and efficient library service to its patrons despite economically difficult times. Some of the highlights of the past year have been: Our Book Sale, on Elgin Day, was very successful both monetarily and in public relations terms;

We sponsored approximately 12 Outreach Programs, including arts and crafts, theatre and other types of performances. These programs took place in schools, church halls and community halls;

A closer working relationship has grown between the local public schools and the library. The schools seem particularly appreciative of books and films, supplied by the library, for research projects;

Although the total tally for 1990 circulation is not in, there has been yet another increase this year and there is a significant increase in demand for large print books;

A new software package for printing cards and labels for books, called "Librarian's Helper", was purchased for the office;

The library office, in Elgin, is participating in the effort to recycle paper;

A book club has recently been formed which regularly meets at the library branch in Elgin;

In an attempt to publicize the efforts of our Library Board and to identify members of the Board to the public, our mug shots were published in the Lantern for Library Week.

As we start into the last year of our term, I look forward to meeting the challenges of the new year. Although the members of the Rideau Lakes Union Library Board have at times been discouraged, I think we can be pleased with our accomplishments, as volunteers, and particularly with the professional library services which are provided through our efforts and those of our efficient staff.

Yours very truly,
Jane Monaghan, Chairperson

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE SPICER COMMISSION

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I BELIEVE that French should be adopted as the sole official language for QUEBEC. AND all Federal offices and establishments in QUEBEC should operate solely in French.

I BELIEVE that English should be adopted as the sole official language for the remainder of Canada, New Brunswick remaining officially bilingual.

I BELIEVE that, should Quebec as the result of any vote or referendum propose separation, the official government of Canada shall carry out a further referendum in Quebec, to ascertain whether 2/3 (66%) of all Quebec residents, including native people, and all landed immigrants, confirm such a desire.

I BELIEVE that if such a large percentage confirm the desire to separate, such a process be put in hand.

I BELIEVE that it must be made quite clear at all times that, in the event of any such separation, the St. Lawrence Seaway with its locks and dams shall remain the property of, and be under the control of, CANADA. FURTHER that Quebec shall for all time accept that LABRADOR is an integral part of the province of NEWFOUNDLAND.

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In a Nineteenth Century Garden

an illustrated talk by Ms Dana Leigh Hopson of The Royal Botanical Gardens of Hamilton

Wednesday, March 13 at 7:30 pm

presented by Rideau lakes Union Library

at the Seeley's Bay Library

admission \$3.00



Rolling Thunder Theatre Company

Wednesday, 20 March at 10:15 am
Presented by the Rideau Lakes Union Public Library
at Rideau District High School, Elgin