



Rideau Lakes Union Library News

At the February 25 meeting of the RLUL Board, Board members voted unanimously to send the following letter to the Honourable Ray Hnatyshyn, Minister of Justice, protesting Bill C-54, the Government's proposed anti-pornography legislation.

Dear Sir:
I am writing to you on behalf of the Rideau Lakes Union Library Board regarding Bill C-54 introduced in parliament on May 4, 1987.

While recognizing the need to control and curtail materials that portray or promote excessive violence and the exploitation of children, the Board believes that the legislation, as written, will have negative and wide-ranging ramifications for public libraries.

The Rideau Lakes Union Library in its Selection Policy endorses the Canadian Library Association Statement on Intellectual Freedom. The Board is concerned that the right of the individual to have access to materials not be limited by legislation or by the personal views of any interest group.

Further, the Board believes that public libraries would be required to make substantial changes to public lending procedures, collection organization and to selection policies and procedures in order to conform with the provisions of Bill C-54.

The Board is also concerned that public libraries would be held criminally liable for dissemination of library materials to persons under the age of eighteen years.

The Rideau Lakes Union Library Board strongly urges you to give the matter of pornography control further consideration.

Yours truly,
James Stedman
Chairman of the Board

In addition, each individual Board member sent a letter to the Minister expressing his/her concern about the proposed legislation. For several weeks at the end of February and the beginning of March, library patrons were given the opportunity to sign a petition opposing Bill C-54 and are encouraged to go one step further by writing their own letters to the Minister.

Any concerns may be sent to The Honourable Ray Hnatyshyn
Minister of Justice
Parliament Buildings
Ottawa, Ont.
K1A 0A6.

BOOK REVIEWS

We do not review "best sellers" for they receive frequent attention in newspapers and magazines. The books reviewed here are new and available in our libraries, please ask your librarian about them.

Judges by Jack Batten
Jack Batten's book of judge stories is now at the library and makes for some timely reading. It is a fascinating study of some of the personalities who steer the course of Canadian law, from Provincial Court judges to the justices of the Supreme Court whose decisions make history. Chatterily written, but informed by Batten's knowledge of the law.
JR

Stories from the Arabian Nights by Naomi Lewis
For one thousand nights and one, the lovely damsel Shahrazad told stories to the King and saved her life thereby. She told of sultans and sorcerers, of magic carpets and flying horses and of Aladdin, Alibaba and Sindbad the Sailor. Naomi Lewis's sensitive retelling of these timeless tales could appeal to readers of all ages.
JR

Behind the Wall by Colin Thubron
This is one of several books that have been written about China since the chaotic last years of the Cultural Revolution. It would be hard to think of more perceptive travel writing. Mr. Thubron travelled the length and breadth of the country and met and mingled with all manner of people from Buddhist monks to the inmates of factories, fun palaces and jails. It is a brilliant mosaic of sights, sounds and encounters written in beautiful, almost poetic prose.
JR

Who Saw Him Die? by Sylvia Radley
When the local drunk Clanger Bell was run down and killed by Jack Goodwin, a new resident in the area, the verdict was accidental death. Clanger had a nasty habit of walking in front of oncoming vehicles, but the newcomer could not be expected to know that. Jack and his new wife had just moved to Breckham Market having left behind them a bitter first wife and two daughters who had been driven to help him build up a sizeable fortune. Thereafter everything goes awry. Clanger's sister Eunice believes he was deliberately killed and the ensuing police investigation leads Detective Chief Inspector Quantrill and his sergeant Hilary Lloyd on a complicated course. A good mystery.
BS

Remember, you do not need to place a stamp on any letter addressed to a member of a current parliament or any minister of the Crown.

Wilma Royal, who has been the Lyndhurst librarian for two years, has decided to resign. We are sorry to see her go and thank her for her contributions to the library during this time. We welcome Mrs Viola McMachen, well known to many in the Lyndhurst area, as the new Librarian and hope she enjoys being part of the RLUL team.

The five branches which form the Union have recently completed an exchange of over 100 fiction titles each and are currently exchanging a limited number of non-fiction titles, so your branch can now offer you some titles which you may not have seen before. Don't forget, if there's a book that you want that is not on the shelves or an author whose works you would like to read but can't find in your branch, your librarian can arrange to borrow your requests either from another branch in our Union, or from another library through our participation in the Interlibrary Loan system.

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