

RIDEAU LAKES UNION LIBRARY NEWS

Portland branch's STORYTIME for pre-schoolers needs more support if it is to continue past the next few weeks. This is a free program available at the Portland Library every Thursday from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. If you've been thinking about taking your little one, this is the week to start doing so. Call 272-2832 for more information.

At this time of the year, new books are coming in almost daily, so be sure to check your branch for its latest acquisitions. This month the library will be sponsoring two shows. The first is the **Vancouver Wind Trio**, with a programme of music for children and the young at heart, at the United Church, Elgin on Monday, Nov. 9th at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5. at the door; for Series ticket holders this is one of five shows for \$15.

The **Vancouver Wind Trio** is a breath of fresh air blowing through the concert halls of Canada. These three talented young men are relaxed, stylish and witty, elegant and entertaining - and from their wide range of repertoire (all arranged specially for the group) they can delight audiences of all ages with numbers from classical to ragtime, from baroque to bebop and everything in between. Only the very finest musicians can relax and have this much FUN with music!

The **Vancouver Wind Trio** is **Anthony Averay**, bassoon, **Tony Nickels**, oboe and **Lorne Buick**, clarinet. Among them they have a wealth of experience in orchestras and smaller groups, and as a trio they have played hundreds of shows in concert halls and schools across Canada to rave reviews and delighted audiences. The second show is "**New Canadian Kid**," a children's theatre production by the **Great**

Canadian Theatre Company, at Sweets Corners Public School, on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 1:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.00. **New Canadian Kid**, by Dennis Foon of Vancouver's Green Thumb Theatre, is an ingenious and entertaining play in which the young immigrant Nick and his mother are the only people who speak English - the other characters speak a carefully crafted gibberish, confronting the audience with the same language barrier facing any "New Canadian Kid". A smash hit with children, parents, teachers and critics, the play is the culmination of over a year of research and

interviews with "new Canadian kids", during which Foon was told that "picking on people is an international sport".

The **GREAT CANADIAN THEATRE COMPANY** (GCTC) is pleased to have been chosen to do the first Ontario tour of this enormously successful Vancouver production. Ottawa based GCTC is very well known to theatregoers and critics throughout Ontario, having established a reputation over the years for high-quality professional theatre with a social conscience. Everyone is invited to these two shows which are sponsored by your public library, the Ontario Library Service - Rideau, and Outreach Ontario, a programme of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture. For more information, contact: Brys Scovil at 272-3315 or Lorraine Porter at 359-5315.

If You Are Under 25, Out of School, And UNEMPLOYED...

FUTURES CAN HELP

FUTURES is a Youth Employment Program sponsored by the Ministry of Skills Development and delivered by St. Lawrence College Saint-Laurent. FUTURES is a program designed to give Ontario's unemployed youth an opportunity to gain valuable training and work experience to make them employable.

Trainees are assessed to determine their strengths and interests. Depending on their level of employability, trainees are offered basic upgrading of skills in the Pre Employment Program (PEP) or on the job through the work experience program with local employers.

FUTURES SUBSIDIZES EACH OF THESE ELEMENTS. PEP students earn a training allowance of \$100 a week while work experience trainees earn minimum wage.

If you are under 25, out of school and unemployed give us a call. It could be the first step to become trained in the career you want. As well you can EARN AN INCOME WHILE YOU LEARN.

In order to make the Gananoque Futures Program more accessible to those in the outlying areas, a representative of the program will be stationed at the Family Focus office in Elgin (on Main Street) each Wednesday morning throughout the month of November.

Anyone wanting further information about the program please feel free to drop in one of these mornings or give us a call at Futures 382-4079.

JUST PUBLISHED, in recent weeks by local book publisher, Butternut Press, which caters to the publishing needs of Eastern Ontario, particularly the Ottawa and Rideau Valley regions

A LOVING LEGACY: recipes and memories from yesterday and today for tomorrow by *Eleanor Thomson* of Seeleys Bay. A very popular combination of pioneer family history starting over 150 years ago near the Ottawa River through the Valley villages and countryside to Kingston with 275 recipes of the day. What better gift from a mother to her daughters. Illustrated, 224 pages, spiralbound. \$12.95

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The View from Foley Mountain by Peri Phillips McQuay

The second publication from Butternut Press of Westport. It's a joyful book, lightly touched by an occasional sombre note reminding the reader of man's inhumanity to wild animals and reptiles. Peri takes us on a seasonal tour of her beloved country, where she spent her early years and especially the Conservation Area on Foley Mountain which is now her home. Life on the Mountain with her husband Barry, two sons, three cats, a dog, a pet rabbit and skunk, not forgetting a salamander in the cellar, is exhausting, at times exasperating but always exciting. In short chapters she regales us with wondrous glimpses of her life surrounded by trees, rocks and water and the many denizens of hidden places in the forest. Definitely a book to keep at hand, to pick up when in need of a peaceful moment, it will never lose its appeal.

