



Ontario Public Library Week

RIDEAU LAKES UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY

presents a week of

LENIENCE.....LAUGHTER..... LOGIC.....&.....LEARNING

"Guaranteed to be "Held-Over!"

During the week of **Oct. 20th - 26th**, don't be surprised if, on your visit to your library:

Staff accept your overdue books with nary a murmur....

Laughter is emanating from the Bulletin Board corner...

Patrons are answering questions instead of asking them...

Someone called REFCATTS is the centre of gossip....

or

A clutter of flowers and candy along with a bevy of smiles surround the librarian....

It's just **PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK** and you are invited to join in the fun....

20-26 OCT 1986

OCTOBER 20 - 26

Amnesty Week

NO FINES for overdues returned to any of the 6 branches...Take advantage of this "FREEBEE" and bring those books back!

"AND WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE..?"

A Contest for the Best Excuse for keeping a book overdue!

We say we've heard 'em all... but I bet you've got a few you haven't used yet... Write them down and drop them into any branch of the Union... A SURPRISE PRIZE to the Winner. (Board will announce winner at "MEET THE BOARD" night in Seeley's Bay, Oct. 23, 7p.m.)

MEET "REFCATTS"..

the new "guy" in town!

The public is invited to drop in at the South Crosby branch and see REFCATTS in action. See how staff search, locate and order your most important requests.

"YOU TELL US" DAY

Librarians act as living reference books to patrons... On Tuesday, October 21st, patrons may pick up a question from the desk and attempt to answer it when they check out their books. N.B. We will have some junior questions for the kids too!

MEET THE BOARD NIGHT

The Board will host a coffee and donut hour prior to the regular Board meeting on **Oct. 23/86** in Seeley's Bay Library. All are invited to stay for the meeting...see your Library Board in action...

"TALES FROM THE LIBRARY"

A Puppet Show for the Young

Ray Battams will present a puppet show in Seeley's Bay Branch **Oct. 24th** beginning at 7:00 p.m.. Bring your children and enjoy browsing the library while the young set are entertained. This is a FREE show.

"BE KIND TO LIBRARIANS" DAY

Oct. 25

A Flower, A Candy, A Smile.... even your overdue books back can make a librarian very happy. Drop in and say hello... and check out the new selection of titles available at YOUR Branch of the Union.

The Board hopes everyone, both regular patrons and those who are just beginning to get the "Library Habit" will visit the library during this Provincial Library Week.

"SEE YOU IN THE STACKS!"

Rideau Lakes Union LIBRARY NEWS

Most people presume the library is a quiet, calm and rather gentele place to work....well, many were in for a surprise as they visited the South Crosby Branch of the Union this past month.

Several patrons witnessed the secretary Collen Monette and Pat Little "constructing", "erecting" or otherwise "putting together" the new computer desk unit. While we are presumed to be "readers", no-one ever told me we had to be part engineer and part-contortionist! We did it...and so far it hasn't fallen apart! (yet)

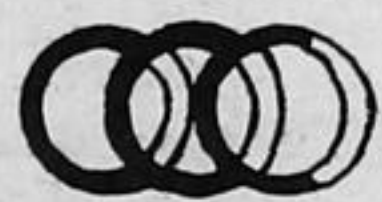
In the early days of September...the computer "went live" and staff had 2 weeks to perfect their newly learned techniques before "going on-line" Sept. 22. While the information retrieval is most fascinating, talking to a "machine" which seems to tell you on every possible occasion that "command invalid" can be a most frustrating experience! Various mutterings and mumbblings, hopefully indiscernible to patrons, emanated from the Reading Room as staff attempted to "get into" UTLAS. Our expertise hopefully will increase and permit a more friendly attitude to the "machine"!

A Union staff workshop was made more pleasant as the Board hosted staff to a luncheon. The centre of discussion was the need for complete information for inter-library loan and also the operation of Priority Post...another exciting topic for future news items.

Pat Little, co-ordinator, was co-convenor and moderator of a Regional Library Promotion workshop in Ottawa. Portland/Delta librarian Joyce Gunnewiek attended as a participant. From comments after the session it would appear that everyone enjoyed the active concept and also took home many ideas with which to "promote" their library.

The Board hopes to offer some programs during Public Library Week Oct. 20-26 The events planned so far are included in the adjacent news release.

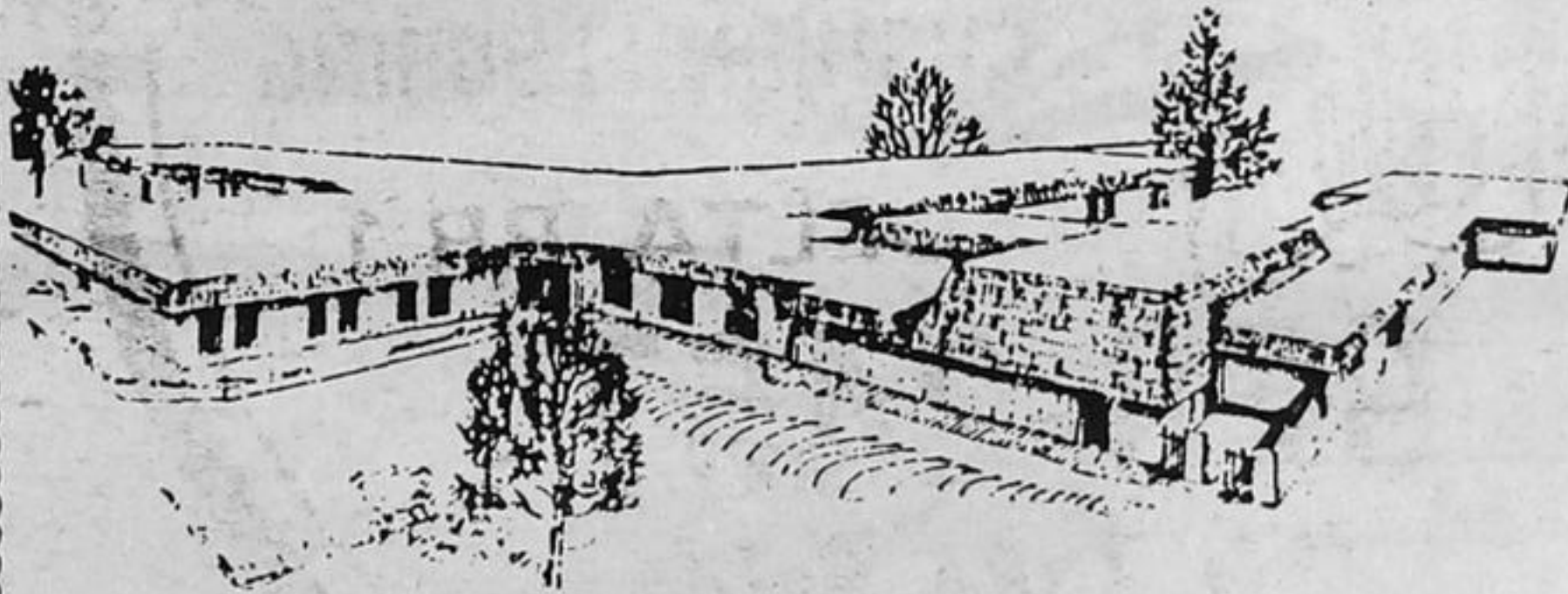
The Board invites the public to join in the many listed activities and will host a "MEET THE BOARD" hour prior to the October meeting on the 23rd. Location is in the Seeley's Bay Branch. Coffee and donuts will be served and anyone interested in staying for the Board meeting is most welcome.



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