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**RIDEAU LAKES UNION
LIBRARY NEWS**

Staff changes at Lyndhurst branch: Mrs. Annette Mess, librarian for the past four years has retired and Mrs. Wilma Royal has taken over the Lyndhurst branch. Wilma has been an active volunteer in the Seeley's Bay branch and looks forward to serving the residents of Lyndhurst and area.

Board resignations: Mrs. Jacquie Carpenter will be leaving the Board for at least one year with her acceptance to a position in the USSR. She will be travelling in Europe prior to beginning her new assignment. The Board and staff wish her well and look forward to hearing of her experiences. Mr. Herb Westcott, South Crosby appointee, has resigned from the Board. Herb has been treasurer and also Library representative to the Elgin & District Chamber. The Board will seek new appointees from the respective councils for September, 1986.

Grants: Having already received an equipment grant and a grant for the Automation feasibility study, the Board was pleased to learn they have also received funding for the hiring of two students for the summer project. Students will work throughout the Union in the various branches, and will collect information on the future needs of area residents in the line of library services. The information collected will be presented to the Board with

planning and also help evaluate present services.

Summer Hours: With students and regular staff, the hours of operation in each of the 6 branches will be increased permitting greater access to the Library. Patrons are requested to consult the Summer Hours schedule in this issue of the Lantern.

New Equipment: The IBM computer has arrived, along with its accessories. Staff are undergoing teaching sessions in the operation of basic programs and, in September, the Union will go "on-line" for Interlibrary Loan. This system is being fully funded by the Ministry as a means to upgrade and speed ILL transactions. The Union is one of the smallest libraries to be placed in the program. The aim of the new system is to permit small libraries with good collections, to become "lenders" as well as borrowers. A "Loop" of 5 other libraries will be "searched" by the computer for requested material and the library holding such material will then send to the requesting library. It is expected that the Union's fiction collection will be a prime lending area as our new titles are available much faster than larger institutions.

Through the courtesy of OLS Rideau-Ottawa, a microfiche viewer is on loan for the summer in the Elgin Branch. This enables patrons, especially those researching geneological records, to review the material locally. The library also has microfiche of the holdings of the Ontario Archives.

Reaching out: with service has also been possible through OLS-Rideau. A 3/4" video-player has been loaned to Skycroft along with a selection of nature

tapes. This is a trial project which hopefully will assist in making visitors aware of the Canadian wildlife, geography and lifestyle. It will permit the operators of Skycroft to plan some programming as an adjunct to the library service. Tapes on wild-life, ecology and other subjects will be selected during the summer months.

The Summer Reading program will begin in July. Each library has a selection of titles for different age levels pertaining to Children of the World. Participants are required to read a minimum of 6 and visit the library a minimum of 6 times during the months of July and August. Colouring sheets and information sheets will be handed out along with a free book bag to all children registering for the program. A book award will be given to the "winning reader". (one for pre-school to 6 year olds; one for seven to ten year olds; and one for eleven and up)

All children visiting the libraries throughout the summer will also receive **Wonderland** passes.

The Loon's Necklace, a live children's presentation, will take place in the Elgin United Church Hall on July 12, at 2 p.m. A \$1.00 admission charge will be levied. These funds will enable the Board to acquire matching grants for future presentations through the Ontario Arts Council.

Book Sale: Once again the Library will be holding a Giant Book Sale with a larger than ever selection. This will be on July 12, beginning at 10 a.m. and running to 3 p.m. at the usual location in front of the Bank of Montreal, Main St., Elgin. Come and stock up on your reading material and support

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