



"The Great Canadian Book Reading Contest" is just one of many special events being held by the Eastern Ontario Library System and public libraries across Eastern Ontario to celebrate the National Book Festival May 11 - 17.

Entry forms for the contest which requires the reading of one book from a list of 25 Canadian books to be eligible to enter are now available at public libraries. The three winners who must answer a test question about the book read, will be announced during the National Book Festival week. Prizes are gift certificates to buy books - \$100., \$50. and \$25. and the first prize also includes a deluxe First Edition of "A. J. Casson - His Life and Works" by Paul Duval, courtesy of publishers Prentice-Hall.

During the National Book Festival most public libraries will be featuring exhibits of Canadian books and magazines in keeping with the Festival's purpose to celebrate the quality and diversity of Canadian writing and publishing and to bring the reading public and Canadian books and magazines closer together.

Tony German, author of "Tom Penny" and "River Race", who lives in Kingsmere, Old Chelsea, Quebec, in discussing his books, writing and life as an author, has spoken to well over 3,000 young people across Canada over the last three years. During the National Book Festival Week he will visit 11 Eastern Ontario public libraries. In the Elgin area he will be at Rideau Centennial School in Portland on Friday, May 15 at 1:30 p.m. as guest of the Rideau Lakes Union Library.

Newboro Library on the Move

The Newboro branch of the Rideau Lakes Union Library will soon be in new quarters on the main street of the village.

Council, in co-operation with a Newboro property owner, have arranged for the use of the library's services. After painting and carpeting, the shelves from the previous library room will be moved into the new location. Movement of the books will follow and the increased size and space offered in the new room will allow for some expansion of the collection.

While the Library in Newboro has seen moderate use in its five years of existence, it is hoped that with the larger, more visible location it will increase in use and also serve the tourist population to a higher degree. All residents and visitors are welcome to drop in and browse and borrow from the library and librarian Betty Shillington hopes, with the help of volunteers, to expand the hours of operation to 10 per week. Use your library, it is the most economical service your tax dollar supports. P.L.



Nola Gordanier, Doug Summers, Everton Strong, Laurel Fleming.
(photo credit L. Hutchings)

"Hearth & Heritage"
-our own "best-seller"

Rideau Lakes Union Library News

Mrs. Pat Little recently spoke at an Ontario Review workshop held in Deep River. About 75 interested Board members and librarians from Renfrew and Lanark Counties attended to discuss various areas of library service under review. Much interest was expressed regarding the operation of the Rideau Lakes System as the Union operation is rather unique. Mrs. Little was asked many questions about the formation of a Union and also the practical aspects of operation. Other topics on the agenda were the pressing need for Provincial minimum standards for library operation, certification of library assistants and the number of years Board members should serve. Issues raised and discussed at this and at previous Eastern Ontario Review workshops will be presented to Mr. Peter Bassnet, chairman of the Ontario Provincial Review Committee, at the Spring Workshop to be held in Ottawa May 2/81.

The morning session of this all-day meeting will be reserved for Board members and librarians but the general public are invited to attend the afternoon session. Anyone interested in attending should contact Pat Little for further details. 359-5315 or 359-5741

P.L.

Three years of research have resulted in an excellent publication of local interest. "Hearth & Heritage" is a beautifully illustrated and fascinating study of the history of Chaffey's Lock and area. The material was collected from various sources, and edited and compiled by Laurel Fleming who also illustrated this handsome volume. Filled with detail of the lives of community settlers, folksy commentaries of life in and around "Chaffey's" and encompassing the years 1800 to 1980 the book exemplifies the pride and love with which past and present residents have always held for their community. The book is a credit to all the contributors and to the Women's Institute of Chaffey's Lock whose membership inspired and supported its creation. It is bound to bring many hours of pleasure to all who read it and while a personal copy is very desirable, local library patrons will be pleased to hear that South Crosby Township Council have donated 4 copies and Elgin Lions Club an additional copy to the Rideau Lakes Union Library Board. After reading and browsing through this interesting volume it will be difficult to resist wanting a copy of your own. Copies for private purchase may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Laurel Fleming at 359-5633 or local stores in the area have copies on hand.

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