



This is a busy time for Board members and staff as budget and policy reviews get under way. After 5 years of successful operation the Board begins its planning for the next 5 years. The Ontario Provincial Library Review which began early this year and is expected to produce recommendations and new Provincial guidelines, will have some input for local Board members. Mrs. S. Wilson, Mrs. J. OMeara and Mrs. D. Haskins attended a workshop in Brockville on the Review. Mrs. M. Keates attended the Renfrew hearings and hopes to attend the Deep River Review with Mrs. P. Little who was asked to speak at these two hearings regarding the success of the Union Board. Listed below are some of the recommendations to come out of the Renfrew hearing.

There should be special provincial "per square mile or area" grants for libraries with special needs, i.e. serving a sparse population over a wide area; Rideau Lakes Union Library which relies heavily on telephone communications and thus has high long distance charges using 4 different toll areas.

The Library Act should be strengthened and enforced.

The boundaries of the 14 regional library systems should remain as presently defined.

The Province should continue its funding role as a grant-giving agency.

Per capita library grants should be spent for library services in the year for which they are given.

The Library Act should be more specific re: appointment and make-up of a Union Library Board.

The Board has again applied for a Youth Employment programme. If received the programme will be aimed at the location and delivery of services to the physically and educationally handicapped.

The Board in conjunction with the Ministry of Culture and Recreation and E.O.L.S. will be sponsoring a Boardmanship workshop. It is hoped that members of other library Boards will participate in this. Details will be announced at a later date. Eastern Ontario Library System is again assisting the local Board in the presentation of programmes. We are expecting some excellent shows and exhibits to be touring our area. To date we have had confirmation of the following - Richard Lyons Dance Troupe, (Native people dance and sing in full dress of the Ojibway), Jan Rubes, singer (TV and radio performer, also appeared in Walt Disney's "The Incredible Journey") and Tony German, author (Tom Penny and River Rat). Watch for dates, times and place for these and other interesting shows.

Statistics for 1980

Total circulation - 32,928
 Adult non-fiction & fiction - 19,152
 Juvenile non-fiction & fiction - 11,460
 Magazines - 1102
 Interunit and interlibrary loan - 1214
 New titles added to the collection in 1980 - 2351

The next meeting of the Rideau Lakes Union Library Board will be in Portland April 2, 1981. The meetings are open to the public and are normally held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

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All interested adults are invited to attend.
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Guest Speakers: Maureen Bradley

Primary Resource Teacher
 Leeds & Grenville Board of Education
 TOPIC: EARLY IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM
 (Kindergarten)

Barbara Patterson

Kindergarten Teacher
 South Crosby Elementary School

also a film of a nursery school class will be shown.

Wednesday, April 15th - 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. - OPEN HOUSE

Bring your preschooler and watch a class as they play and learn.

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 can benefit your child