

Summer Grants: Experience & Service

Nine local students are enjoying a valuable working experience this summer thanks to three government grants in the Elgin area. The projects are designed to provide a worthwhile service to the community.

1. Rideau Historical Collection Service is funded by the federal government under the Young Canada Works program. Local students Karen Hubel, Kathy Lyle, Kevin Young and Angela Guniwiek are hard at work completing the work begun on the project last summer. Historical material is being compiled from every available source, from elderly residents to archives.

This summer the project is focusing on Portland and Newboro in the period from settlement days to 1900. The students are receiving assistance in their research from Parks Canada and Ontario Heritage, as well as Mrs. H. Roberts of Westport. The community at large has been very helpful.

Anyone who has not been contacted who has information in the form of letters, photos, maps or a family Bible, is asked to contact the project. Call Elgin Library at 359-5315.

It is hoped that a booklet will be compiled containing the students' research by the end of the summer. The information would then be available at all branches of the Rideau Lakes Union Library, the sponsor of the project.

The students on this project also run weekly Children's Hour programs in each Branch Library.

2. Rideau Lakes Union Library has also sponsored an Experience '78 grant from the province. Susan Keates has been hired for the summer to extend hours at Elgin Branch Library. She also assists Mrs. Little in co-ordinating the Union.

3. Another Experience '78 project was sponsored through the Board of Education. This project employs four students, Valerie Wier, Paul Chant, Elaine Galway, and Dorothy Pyenburg, to update and catalogue the library collection at Rideau District High School. This service will facilitate retrieval of material for both students and the community.

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NORTH LEEDS HOMEMAKER SERVICE

By mid-August, the Canada Works Grant, which has been providing salaries for two homemakers, will have terminated.

At present, close to \$2,000. has been received from Service Clubs, Church groups and private donations, Five Village and Township Councils have pledged support. The remaining Council will be approached in early August. The Committee will return to the Councils in late August with specific requests.

The financial assistance will cover the salaries of the homemakers from mid-August to the end of December. Either the Red Cross or the V.O.N. will be administering the service as of January, 1979.

Any group or individual wishing to contribute to the fund may still do so. Cheques should be made payable to the North Leeds Homemakers and sent to Mrs. Shirley Green, Elgin. For further information call 359-5479 or 359-5514.



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