

Elgin Events

Elgin and District Co-operative Nursery School to Open Soon

The Elgin and District Co-operative Nursery School will open October 3, 1977 for up to thirty preschool children, from 3 to 5 years of age. The Nursery School will be located at the United Church in Elgin; and is open to all preschool children in the area.

Registration will be held on Monday September 12, 1977 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. A registration fee of \$5.00 per family plus the first month's tuition fee will be required at this time. If you are unable to attend please contact one of the executive members for registration forms as soon as possible.

A junior program (3 to 4 years) will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at a cost of \$18.00 per month; and a Senior program (4 to 5 years) on Monday and Wednesday, and Friday at the same time, at a cost of \$25. per month. Special fees are available if there is more than one child in the family.

The Nursery School concept is not new to this province and has benefited many children in our neighbouring cities. It is a non-profit organization set up and maintained by the parents who enrol their children. It is a family project with mother, father and child all interested in the same venture. It can be a valuable community project with each family making its own contribution for the good of all.

The essential purpose of the Nursery School is to provide the preschool child with the opportunity to play regularly with other children of the same age. To allow them the opportunity to learn to share friends and toys. Each child is encouraged to

develop his individual personality and is taught to consider the rights and feelings of others. The program is designed to develop the whole child - physically, socially, emotionally and cognitively.

As a co-operative Nursery School the parents have the opportunity to be actively involved in their child's development as teacher assistants on a rotating basis; or by providing assistance that can be completed in the home.

Because the Nursery School is a non-profit organization and is not eligible for a government grant at this time the initial operating budget will be very tight. Many supplies are required and methods are being sought to obtain the necessary equipment. Donations of money, sturdy preschool toys, child size kitchen appliances etc. would be gratefully accepted.

For donations and further information feel free to contact any of the following executive.

President: Barbara Purdy 359-5514
 Treasurer: Elaine St Pierre 359-5740
 Secretary: Judy Timpany 928-2370
 Duty Roster: Cheryl Planke 359-5201
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Rideau Lakes Union Library Board

Rideau Lakes Union Library Board held its summer meeting at Newboro Branch Library.

Mrs. Mary Warren, Chairperson, welcomed Mrs. Lorraine Trick to the Board. Mrs. Trick is replacing Mr. Harry Lapierre as Trustee from Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne, Lyndhurst Branch. The Board accepted Mr. Lapierre's resignation with regrets last month.

June Greenhorn, Chairperson of Publicity and Fund Raising Committees, reported on the progress to date of the campaign to build new Union Library headquarters. "BUY A BLOCK" posters have been posted in each Library and local banks. People wishing to donate to the Building Fund can do so at these locations. Donations of building materials, talents and time (i.e. masonry, carpentry) are recognized by Wintario and will be matched "dollar for dollar" on the grant. A raffle throughout the Union was established in July. The prize was a First Edition National Film Board copy of "Between Friends". This particular copy is a collector's item, now valued at more than \$50.00. The draw took place Saturday, August 20, during the Crafts Show at Sweet's Corner School and the lucky winner was Doug Smith of Seeleys Bay.

To date, \$2,000.00 has been raised, leaving a goal of \$1,250.00 yet to be acquired. Forthcoming fund raising programs will be announced shortly. It is the Board's hope that work on the new headquarters will commence before September. Pat Little, Union Library Co-ordinator, reported that displays of Indian and Eskimo art are currently being shown in Portland and Delta Branch Libraries. The drawings and masks are on loan from MacMichael Galleries, Kleinberg Ontario. Portland Branch also has a pictorial history of the Rideau Waterway currently on display, courtesy of Mrs. Brys Scovil.

Recently, Sunshine Puppets presented shows in Portland and Elgin, which were well attended by the children of these communities. Claude Labrecque the well known folk singer, story teller and television personality entertained the children in Lyndhurst Seeley's Bay and Delta. Mr. LaBrecque has performed many times throughout the Union. His one-man show continues to delight the Younger Set. These programs are booked by Rideau Lakes Union Library through Eastern Ontario Library System and are offered free to the Public.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 8, and will be held at Portland Branch.

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Registration week of Sept. 12 - 19			
RC23 - NEEDLEPOINT		W. BARKER	272-2304
RC07 - GREAT BOOKS		V. SLEMON	272-2322
RC13 - THEATRE WORKSHOP		J. GREISAMMER	273-2147
RC04 - CHINA PAINTING	Tues. 1 P.M. - 4 P.M. Wed. 1 P.M. - 4 P.M. Thurs. 7 P.M. - 10 P.M.	P. SCOTT	272-2688

Registration Sept. 7 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING REGISTRATION AND COURSE DESCRIPTION PLEASE CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR LISTED.