

LIBRARY NEWS

RIDEAU LAKES UNION LIBRARY serving Townships of Bastard and Burgess, Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne, the Village of Newboro and the Township of South Crosby: with branches in Elgin, Newboro, Portland, Delta, Lyndhurst and Seeley's Bay.

1976 has been an excellent year of growth for the Library. Circulation has increased and the use of additional services has given the Board the incentive to increase these areas, i.e. talking books, large print collection, film service and special exhibits.

Through the cooperation of Frontenac County Library System, we have reciprocal borrowing privileges and "Books by Mail" service for any of our patrons. Through careful planning and a Wintario grant we have begun furnishing our branches with good basic library shelving and equipment. We hope to continue in 1977 to bring our libraries up to standard in this area thus enabling us to increase the size of collection in each branch.

We have also acquired 4 cassette players, a 16mm film projector and screen and a 32 cup coffee percolator for use both in the library setting and for loan to our patrons and community groups.

We have an excellent film library available to us through Ottawa Public, Pembroke Public Library, and the National Film Board. We are hoping to add an 8mm projector to our list in 1977.

In December we offered a personal shopping help for our patrons who wished to give books for Christmas gifts. We hope to expand this type of service this year.

We have acquired a Bookmobile for use as temporary headquarters for the Union and hopefully this will become a branch library at a future date. Our expanded reference section in Elgin has been well used by many of our patrons and we are pleased with the referral service from Rideau District High School.

We now have phones in 4 of the branches and hope to have Newboro and Lyndhurst "on the line" by the end of 1977.

For information or service, please call the branch in your area:

Miss A. Fahey Elgin 359-5315
Mrs. H. Smith Delta 928-2991

Mrs. C. Chisamore Lyndhurst 928-2231 6
(home)

Mrs. L. Rodgers Portland 272-2832

Mrs. F. Moulton Seeley's Bay 387-3909

Mrs. A. Pritchard Newboro 272-2607

Statistics for 1976

(home)

Number of titles in collection
Dec. 1975 13,366

Number of Titles added in 1976
3,185*

Number of Volumes available
throughout the Union 19,351**

Number of Interlibrary Loans 219

Number of New Canadian Titles
approximately 520

Special Programmes presented 18

**does not include donations,
approx. 800

* does not include paperbacks,
approx. 2,000

Circulation to Dec 1975 -20,509

Circulation to Dec 1976 -29,029

For additional information regarding service or special programmes, contact Mrs. P. Little, Coordinator of Service 359-5315 or 359-5741

RIDEAU LAKES LOG

Special Collections of Canadian Titles available from the Portland, Seeley's Bay and Elgin.

New Additions:

Canada North Now, Farley Mowat brings us up to date on the happenings in the Arctic with special emphasis on development and exploration.

Chilton's C.B. Handbook, meets the need for basic technical information on operating procedures as well as assistance in what to look for when purchasing.

Be a Winner in Field and Track, C. Coomb, good basic instruction in many track and field events for the Juvenile reader.

Harnessing the Sun, D.C. Knight, Solar energy discussed at the young readers level, covering its past present and future potential.

Farthing's Fortunes, R. Wright, an exciting adventure story of a man's exploits across Canada's north; England and the Klondike.

Saraband for Two Sisters, P. Carr, good Gothic romance set in the pre-Cromwellian days by a very capable and popular author.

The Case of the Nervous Newsboy, E.W. Hildick, fast paced mystery telling of the adventures of a 10 year old's detective agency solving the sudden disappearance of the newspaper boy.