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What are they doing now??

Call it idle curiosity but most of us lead more interesting lives when we are genuinely concerned about our colleagues. We really like to know what so and so is doing now. From our contacts we have selected a few, arranged in "no order".

Sue Bonsteel (formerly chief librarian of the Stratford Public Library) won a seat on the City Council in the election of 1985. Is she going to run in 1988? What was it like to make the transition from "suppliant" to power broker? Will you tell us about it for our next issue Sue?

It is not uncommon for librarians on their retirement to be appointed to library boards but are there other librarian politicians in Ontario. The only other one I know about is the mayor of Prince George, B.C. who, at one time was the city's chief librarian. Probably the most famous is columnist Doug Fisher, ex-librarian and former Member of Parliament.

Ruth Konrad's marvelously active mind has always been one long step ahead of most of us. Her article in the Globe and Mail, January 23, 1988, "Six-year Swim Through Proust" is a most entertaining essay on the pleasures of finally reading "Remembrance of Things Past". She admits that the first 50 pages always seemed to defeat her as it has many of the rest of us, but her comments on her efforts and the rewards are a pleasure to read. Obviously, she keeps busy.

Mac Coleman, even before his retirement from the Red Deer Public Library, kept himself busy writing vignettes of his remembrances of the past. So far he has published four volumes under his own imprint, The Kingfisher Press. Titles give excellent clues to contents, "Once Upon a Childhood", "Once Upon a Little Town", "Once Upon the World and Me" and "Once Upon Toronto". He noted that he had sold about 20,000 copies so lots of people like them.

There is no intent to hint that Mac is an antique but the suggestion of selling leads directly to Marion Wilson's antique shop in Merrickville, Ontario, a pretty limestone village a little distance west of Ottawa. Marion told us that on her retirement from the National Library, she started buying antiques for her old/new house. Eventually she became a picker for the owner of the antique shop and when it came up for sale she suddenly became an owner. (If you don't know what a picker is, go and talk to Marion.)

Al Bowron assures us in a recent letter he is not really retired and his recent consulting job in West Germany certainly is indicative of that. He has a little way to go to catch up to Keyes Metcalf who was actively consulting for libraries well into his nineties.

Dr. Olga Bishop of our Board of Directors is the recipient of the OCUA Merit Award for 1987. The award will be presented at the "Winterbreak" luncheon of the Ontario College and University Library Association of OLA on February 26, 1988. This award is the latest in a series of honours which Dr. Bishop has received during her distinguished career and in her "retirement". Among the awards she has received are the Marie Tremaine Medal bestowed on her in 1981 by the Bibliographical Society of Canada for outstanding service to Canadian bibliography, and in the same year the CASLIS award. The School of Library Science Alumni of the University of Michigan honored her in 1985 with an award in recognition of her

international leadership in librarianship. Dr. Bishop has not been resting on her publishing laurels. She served as editor of a history of Victoria Hospital, "Growing to Serve; a history of Victoria Hospital, London, Ontario", published in 1985. Since then she has been busy editing a series of historical publications of particular interest to the London region: "North Talbot Road, Westminster Township", published in 1986; "Glanworth, Westminster Township", published in 1987, and a third to be published in 1988: "Westminster Township, South East of the Thames".

Retirements at the National Library

The National Librarian in her review of the Library's activities in 1987 paid tribute to two distinguished staff members who retired in that year:

Dr. Beryl Anderson, who headed the Library Documentation Centre from 1973-1987, retired in May but was immediately appointed resource person to the Task Force on Canadian Library Statistics. This body was established by the National Library to "address means to improve the collection and accuracy of Canadian library statistics". Dr. Anderson was asked to analyze existing questionnaires for core data elements and to prepare a working document on this for the Task Force. An interesting interview with Dr. Anderson was published in the July-August issue of the National Library News.

Dr. Helmut Kallman who was Chief of the Music Division from its inception in 1970 retired at the end of the year. Under his guidance the Division has developed the largest collection of Canadian music in the world. A scholar of the history of music in Canada, Dr. Kallman was one of three editors of the Encyclopedia of Music in Canada. He was made a member of the Order of Canada in April 1987.

In Memoriam

We were saddened to learn that Jack Vickers died in the fall of 1987. He was one of Angus Mowat's English recruits and before his retirement had been Chief Librarian of the Ajax Public Library. Just a year before we mourned the loss of Jim Brown who was another of our English/Canadian colleagues. There must be a story yet to be written on the librarian emigration from Great Britain in the 50's and early 60's.

Feliciter for February carried two stories of interest for many of our members. York University has established the Mary Stevens Memorial Fund in honour of Mary, who had led the York University Library through the throes of automation until her untimely death in 1987.

The same issue carried a report of the sudden death last December of Dr. Laurent-G. Denis who had been a professor at the Faculty of Library and Information Science, U of T since 1970. Larry was a friend of librarians and libraries as well as a colleague of all of us and he will be sorrily missed. We, at Ex Libris, are particularly sorry since we had hoped to recruit him in our oral history project, an area where he had considerable interest and expertise. He was a principal investigator of the oral history project at FLIS. The University has established the Laurent-G. Denis Scholarship Fund in his memory.

Profiles

Betty Spicer, a Director of the Association, has advised that she is compiling a sketch of the career of Alberta Letts as a tribute to her and to her important role in the development of county and regional libraries. It will add to the oral history tapes of county librarians and those other pioneer librarians who were the forerunners of the actual establishment of Ontario county libraries. Before her tragic death in a car accident, Alberta was

the Director of the Provincial library of Nova Scotia. Her early career was in county libraries in Ontario.

Perhaps other members of the Association or those reading this newsletter have material about deceased librarians and library workers which ought to be part of the archival collection. If you have stories to tell or recollections of individual librarians write it down and sent to us. Such recollections will be an invaluable addition to the collections of the Association.

Some biographical sketches have been written but, because they usually appeared in a local publication, may not have had wide distribution and may have almost disappeared. Two that have been received in the office are Deane Kent's biographical sketch of Richard E. Crouch, "A Man Ahead of His Time" which was published by the London Public Library Board in 1962 and Jim Pilton's "Hugh Cameron Gourlay 1903-1971" which was published as an issue of the Edmonton Public Library's "News Notes" for June, 1972. Copies of the latter were sent to us by Mort Coburn.

The Elizabeth Homer Morton Trust (update)

Those of you who receive CIA's Feliciter will have noted in the January issue under Council motions the following: "that the CIA establish a trust fund in memory of Elizabeth Homer Morton and that its charitable purpose be determined in consultation with the advice of CLAs legal counsel". Ex Libris has been advised that the procedure will take several months and cost a few hundred dollars.

Oral History Manual

The Executive of the Association has set the price of the Manual (see minutes) by Stephen Cummings, "Procedures for Oral History Interviews" at \$5 a copy. It will be photocopied on demand and placed in duo-tang binders. Price includes mailing. If members wish to keep the copies picked up at the meeting on November 19, they may wish to send a cheque to the Association.

2nd Annual General Meeting

The 2nd annual general meeting was held at the Harbour Castle Westin Hotel, Toronto, on Thursday, November 19, 1987, a preconference program day of the Ontario Library's Association's 85th annual conference held in the same hotel. (In addition to hosting meetings of librarians that day, the Harbour Castle had a distinguished guest in King Olav V of Norway attending a dinner with Norwegian veterans who had trained during World War II at Little Norway in Toronto.) Fifty-seven people registered for the Ex Libris meeting which included a morning and afternoon session with a lunch and informal get together period between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. Betty Hardie organized the meeting with the cooperation and assistance of OLA President Gerda Molson and Larry Moore, OLA Executive Director. Betty was assisted by Ex Libris members, Edith Jarvi and Isabel McLean. Summaries of the morning and afternoon sessions are included in the Newsletter.

If there were an award for the member who travelled the greatest distance to attend, it would go to Frances Morrison from Saskatoon, before her retirement Chief Librarian of the Saskatoon Public Library. It was a happy occurrence that a visit to her family in Toronto coincided with the date of the Ex Libris meeting. Two members travelled from the nation's capitol to attend: Pamela Hardisty and Hazel Roberts. Before her retirement, Pam was Assistant Librarian of the Library of Parliament. Hazel has just retired as Manager of the Documents Centre, Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, Ottawa. Anne Locatelli, Librarian of the Elliot Lake High School, was the only person attending from northern Ontario.

Morning Session 10:00 a.m.

Speaker: Roger Nickerson, Audiovisual Archivist, Ontario Archives

Mr. Nickerson in his talk "Aspects of Oral History" provided advice on equipment, its use and maintenance, and touched on the

assistance which the Ontario Archives offers to those embarked on oral history projects.

In reviewing equipment to be used, its handling and maintenance, Mr. Nickerson recommended the use of a stereo-cassette recorder with two microphones and speakers. Recording in stereo provides superior sound quality. As to the tape itself, a well-known brand name suffices but it should not be longer than 90 minutes recording time. Sixty minute tape is even better because of its thickness. These machines should be well maintained and the alignment of the heads carried out by a service bureau. The heads should be demagnetized every twenty to thirty hours, but care should be taken in demagnetizing as the tape heads can be destroyed in the process.

The interview site should have no ambient noise. It should be tested first - the tape recorder picks up every noise -before proceeding with the interview. Be sure to record an introduction on the tape, identify the interviewer and interviewee, give date, location and purpose of the interview. Be sure to number the reels in a multi-reel interview. Be careful of the recording level; try for the centre of the scale between the left and right channels. If the recording level is higher, a lot of tape hiss will build up.

To ensure preservation, all reels should be copied at once and the original stored in an archive or some secure storage spot with constant climate control. The copy can be made available for use. For transcription, detailed indexing of tapes is desirable, but notes can suffice. Mr. Nickerson pointed out that audiotape can be copied onto videocassette. Identifying the exact spot where indexed content occurs is more accurate with videocassette. Constant temperature and humidity are important because changes in humidity will affect the cassette over time. The tape should be run through the tape recorder every five to ten years. This discourages the ghost effect or print through.

Mr. Nickerson said that the Ontario Archives will copy the tapes of organizations (they have high speed equipment for this), give advice, and will share their technical expertise. It is even possible to use their equipment in-house. They cannot, however, afford to do transcriptions. A directory of archive depositories in the Ontario Archives is available. Oral history collections in the Archives include: Ontario Department of Agriculture Oral History Project (a slide-tape on farm life and activities in this century); Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association, Ontario Historical Series, the Multicultural History Society, the Osgoode Society, Professional Engineers of Ontario, projects undertaken by the Ministry of Corrections, Lands and Forests, a project on labour history in the Thunder Bay region, etc.

Afternoon Session 3:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion: Future Directions for Ex Libris

Panel: Madge Allwood, Reg Rawkins, John Wilkinson

Various themes emerged in the initial discussions - why oral history, how to fund activities, how to get members involved.

As a number of oral history projects in our field are underway, the question was asked again - is there a need for this group to undertake such projects? If so, how are the resulting tapes to be handled and stored? It was pointed out that this group can still be instrumental in gathering the data, but may not publish it. Otherwise a lot of personal unrecorded views and details on developments in libraries will be lost. In many cases, these can be gathered only from those who have lived through the important times in this field. The Chairman supported this by pointing to the example of county library history where the record needs to be made of what the founders of these systems accomplished. He was concerned, however, by the problem of funding such activities after the termination of the New Horizons Grant, how committees could be structured for this historical work and how to ensure publication

of the newsletter to keep members informed.

A number of the members were keen that for a start the Association should concentrate on oral history and felt that the budget should be organized so that funds are available for this. A committee on oral history should be established with the intent of forming local committees which could proceed with projects for their localities. Among those who expressed an interest in volunteering to organize projects were: Ruth Wertheimer, Bob Blackburn, Hazel Roberts, (Ottawa area), Lachlan McRae. L. McRae was willing to take on a project to collect photographs - negatives or prints would be acceptable. He saw a problem with storage of photographs and other memorabilia and asked if SLIS, University of Western Ontario, could take care of the storage. A suggestion had been made that to accompany membership lists, short biographies should be compiled accompanied by photographs.

Among other ideas of activities with which the Association should concern itself - go beyond historical research and look at research in general - spend time asking questions about librarianship, discuss the findings of research being carried on and try to find some answers. Another suggestion was that the Association concern itself with the question of the mandatory retirement policy and conditions of employment for retired persons wishing to practice after retirement.

In terms of funding, H.C. Campbell, President of the Federation of Canada-China Friendship Associations, pointed out that the Association could earn revenue by cooperating in promoting travel tours which would be of interest to members. This year his organization is organizing six educational seminars and tours to China.

At the end, Madge Allwood summarized the ideas and suggestions brought forward by panel members and audience and recalled the

remarks of one panel member, John Wilkinson, who emphasized that the reason for the meeting was "more than just friendship; it shows a great personal concern for librarianship. We really chose to be here today!"

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION

2nd Annual General Meeting
Minutes of meeting, November 19, 1987, 2:00 p.m.
Harbour Castle Westin Hotel, Toronto

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. A motion to limit debate to allow for adjournment of the meeting by 3:00 p.m. was proposed by R. Rawkins and seconded by J. Parkhill.
CARRIED
3. Minutes of the 1st annual meeting of the Association, November 6, 1986. J. Munro moved, seconded by J. Parkhill, that the minutes be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Reports

President's report 1987

E.S. Beacock reviewed the activities of the Board of Directors during the past year. He emphasized the Association's need for funds to support its activities when the grant from New Horizons comes to an end. The annual membership fee of \$5.00 would not be sufficient to keep the Association going.

Membership report

The Secretary-Treasurer, Janette White, gave an oral report on membership figures up to October 31. Membership stood at 100 in 1987. 8 new members had signed up for 1988 and 27 renewals had been received.

Treasurer's report

The Secretary-Treasurer moved acceptance of the report as circulated. The balance on hand as of October 31 was \$599.88. The motion was seconded by J. Parkhill.

CARRIED

A financial report on the Ex Libris Organization's administration of the New Horizons grant was also made available to members for their information.

5. Amendments to the Constitution

J. White moved acceptance of the amendments to the Constitution proposed in the document circulated to members. O. Bishop seconded the motion.

CARRIED

It was agreed that the definition of a member as set out in paragraph 3 of the Constitution does not exclude practicing librarians. H.C. Campbell moved that the paragraph be amended to read: "Any person whose career has been chiefly in libraries or in the field of publishing, or in books or related fields is eligible for membership." The motion was seconded by M. Barber.

CARRIED

6. Resolution: Elizabeth Morton Memorial

The President reported that CIA had received advice from its lawyer that a separate trust for the proposed Memorial would have to be established which would be independent of its general budget. (This trust would have to be set up before it could be registered as an organization authorized to issue receipts for charitable donations.) The trust would have to be general in nature and not tied to a specific purpose, e.g. publishing or research. Members agreed that the full name, Elizabeth Homer Morton, should be used in naming the trust.

It was moved by H.C. Campbell, seconded by N. Knight, that the Board of Ex Libris be authorized to approach the CIA Council in the matter of establishing a trust fund for the Elizabeth Homer Morton Memorial.

CARRIED

It was further moved by H.C. Campbell, seconded by J. Wilkinson, that this memorial take the form of activities concerned with research and publication on the history of libraries, library associations, books and related activities in Canada.

CARRIED

Moved by H.C. Campbell, seconded by B. Hardie, that the Ex Libris Board be authorized to negotiate as required with the CIA Council in order to finalize the terms of reference and the extent of participation of the Association in the establishment and future organization of the Elizabeth Homer Morton Memorial.

CARRIED

7. Report of the Nominations Committee

J. Snell moved adoption of the report as distributed. The motion was seconded by L. Schryver. R. Blackburn moved that nominations be closed.

In order to accommodate the provision in the Constitution for a Past President, the Chairman called for a motion which would allow this position on the Board to be filled. M. Barber moved, seconded by J. Parkhill, that J. Snell be designated Past President.

CARRIED

The Board for 1988, including those newly elected, are:
Officers - President: E. Stanley Beacock, Past President: John Snell,
Secretary/Treasurer: Janette White. Directors-
Marjorie Allwood, Olga Bishop, Betty Hardie, Isabel McLean, John Parkhill,
Ida Reddy, Elizabeth Spicer, James Talman.

8. Other business

The Chairman asked members if Stephen Cummings' manual on oral history: "Procedures for Oral History Interviews", copies of which were available for inspection at the meeting, should receive wider distribution. M. Allwood moved, seconded by R. Rawkins, that the manual be costed and copies be made available to the membership.

CARRIED

I. McLean moved, seconded by J. Munro, that a letter of appreciation for the preparation of the manual be sent to Stephen Cummings.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The Library History Group's next meeting will be held at the School of Library and Information Science at 7:30 pm on Monday, March 28, 1988. Four members of your Association, Mary Barber, Betty Hardie, Stan Beacock and Stephen Cummings (Chairman), will discuss "Ontario County Library History". You may remember that Stephen wrote his dissertation on Angus Mowat and the others were responsible for early county libraries: Mary (Middlesex), Betty (Kent and Essex) and Stan (Lambton).

WANTED WANTED WANTED

Names and addresses and members, the first to expand our mailing list and the second to help us in the collection of written and printed archival stuff. If we have the wrong address, misspelled your name, not included someone, please forgive us and try again. We try hard but our office is a desk at SLIS and at our age we get mixed up - many of you know how it is.

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EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION

COUNTY LIBRARY PROJECT
DOCUMENTATION SURVEY, 1987-1988

Summary prepared by Stephen Cummings

In order to pursue its interest in library history, the Ex Libris Association undertook a survey of the documentary holdings of Ontario County Libraries in December 1987. A request for information was sent to each current chief librarian of a county library. Through the survey, it was hoped to compile lists of chief librarians and early community supporters, and to identify the nature and extent of documentary holdings. A few librarians have not yet returned information and we face a difficulty with those county libraries which are now defunct (e.g., Welland County Library).

We most wanted an answer to the question, "What documentation could a researcher visiting your county library for the purpose of writing a county library history expect to find?"

Although the survey was primarily directed to county library activity prior to 1967, we have included county public libraries formed after that date to make the information as complete as possible. We are aware that library service at the county level pre-dates the county library associations of the 1930s -- Edmund Wark, in his twenty-five year history of Middlesex County Library, notes that a county association of some sort was in existence as early as 1895 -- but this preliminary survey is focussed on the three primary organizational forms of county library service in Ontario: county library associations, county library cooperatives, and county public libraries.

The following is a summary of data received from this request and data retrieved from annual statistical reports published by the Department of Education. No claim is made for completeness; indeed, an appeal is made for further information! The address section of each entry contains the address of the library and name of the librarian as indicated on information returned to Ex Libris.

ELGIN COUNTY LIBRARY

450 Sunset Drive
St. Thomas, Ontario N5R 5V1
519-633-0815
E. A. Wells, Chief Librarian

The Elgin County Library Association was formed in 1936 and became the Elgin County Library Cooperative in 1948. It became the Elgin

County Public Library on 1 January 1966.

PERSONNEL:

1948-1954, First Librarian, Eileen Wallace; 1954-1957, John H. Wilson; 1957-1958, (Acting) Ruth Prowse; 1958-1959, David Pocock; 1959, (Acting) Ruth Prowse; 1960-1968, Ruth Prowse; 1968-present, Elgin A. Wells.

DOCUMENTATION:

(No response)

ESSEX COUNTY LIBRARY

360 Fairview Avenue West
Essex, Ontario N8M 1Y3
519-776-5241
Pat Horvath, Adult Services Coordinator

The Essex County Library Association was formed in 1940 and became the Essex County Library Cooperative in 1947. The Essex County Public Library was formed under County By-law 1596, 15 December 1965.

PERSONNEL:

1947-1950, First Librarian, Betty Hardie; 1950-1958, Anne McCormick; 1958-1979, Hilda M. Brooke; 1979 to present, Edward R. George.

DOCUMENTATION:

Annual reports: "Since 1979, no Annual Reports have been written. All Annual Reports prior are not here [headquarters]." Other material: "Histories of our 15 branches are kept in the local library. At headquarters we have a file that covers the formation of the County system and some information on our branches."

HALIBURTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Box 119
Haliburton, Ontario KOM 1S0
705-457-2241
Joel Levis, Chief Executive Officer

PERSONNEL:

1965-1973, First Librarian, Noel McNeill; 1973-1976, Heather Gardiner; 1976-1986, Stan McDougall; 1986 to present, Joel Levis.

DOCUMENTATION:

Annual reports: "We probably do have a complete set of Annual Reports." Other material: (unknown).

HURON COUNTY LIBRARY

66 Waterloo Street South
Goderich, Ontario N7A 4A4
519-524-2105
Sharon Cox, Assistant Librarian

The Huron County Library Association was formed in 1941 and became the Huron County Library Cooperative in 1947. The Huron County Public Library was formed 1 January 1967.

PERSONNEL:

1941-1945, First Librarian, Rose Aitken; 1945-1961, Jean Eckmier; 1961-1962, Miss M. L. Stirling; 1964-1966, Miss M. L. Clements; 1966-1969, Caroline Croke; 1969-1970, (jointly held) John Moldenhauer and Betty MacKenzie; 1970-1974, Ethel Dewar; 1974-1987, William Partridge.

DOCUMENTATION:

Annual reports: (unknown). Other material: "We have the Huron County Minute Books from 1950 to the present."

LAMBTON COUNTY LIBRARY

546 Niagara Street
Wyoming, Ontario NON 1T0
519-845-3324
Ron Baker, County Librarian

The Lambton County Library Association was formed in 1932 and became the Lambton County Library Cooperative in 1946.

PERSONNEL:

Miss Dorothy Carlisle and Mr. J. A. Huey, County Clerk, proposed idea of forming a cooperative with the Sarnia Public Library. Dr. J. Lamont was first President of the Association. 1939-1945, First Librarian, Ruby Hudson; 1945-1947, Helen Blair; 1947-1949, E. S. Beacock; 1949-1952, R. M. Mike Donovan; 1952-1956, Al Bowron; 1956-1967, Marion Pangman; 1967-1987, Ron Baker; 1987-present, Robert Krieg.

DOCUMENTATION:

Annual reports: complete. Other material: files on Lambton County Library Association; Lambton County Cooperative; Reports to County Council; Minutes and By-Laws, Carlisle correspondence; Bowron correspondence; Lamont correspondence; Pangman correspondence; Finances; Statistics of Operation; Annual Financial Reports; Budget; etc.

LENNOX & ADDINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

37 Dundas Street West
Napane, Ontario K7R 1Z5
613-354-2585
Mary Anne Evans, Director

The Lennox & Addington County Public Library was formed under County by-law # 1638, and began operation on 1 January 1972.

PERSONNEL:

Barry Robinson, First County Librarian, 1972-1973; Bruce Geddes, 1973-1983; Mary Anne Evans, 1983-present.

DOCUMENTATION:

Annual reports: "Our County Library did not produce Annual Reports until January 1986, when one was issued for 1985. Subsequently, a report was issued for 1986 and 1987." Other material: early files discarded; "Any Minute Books in the office when [Mary Anne Evans] became Director were forwarded to the County Museum for safekeeping ... we transfer as much material as possible which might have any historical interest immediately to the Museum, e.g., posters, photographs."

MIDDLESEX COUNTY LIBRARY

Arva, Ontario NOM 1C0
519-438-8368
Janet Moss, Librarian

PERSONNEL:

Audrey Gray, (date unknown)-1953; Howard Overend, 1954-1955; Roy Thomas, 1956-1958; Fran Whiteway, 1959-1976; Flora McPherson, 1976-1982; Janet Moss, 1982-present.

DOCUMENTATION:

Annual reports: complete from 1935 (1 or 2 missing). Other material: Minute Books and Accession Books for the Middlesex County Cooperative; annual reports, Minute, Accession and Register Books of many member libraries from the period before the County Public Library was formed; scrapbooks from 1964; member libraries have own scrapbooks; newsletter, Town & Country Librarian (1964, vol. 1, no. 1 - to present).

COUNTY OF SIMCOE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE

Administration Centre
Midhurst, Ontario L0L 1X0
705-726-9300
Maurice G. Allen, Chief Librarian

The Simcoe County Library Association was formed in 1940 and became the Simcoe County Library Cooperative in 1947. In 1976, the County of Simcoe Library was formed.

PERSONNEL:

1940-1943, First Librarian, Lila McPhee; 1943-1945, Alberta Letts; 1946-1949, Audrey Gray; 1949-1953, Elsie Dunn; 1954, Roberta Gilbank; 1955-1957, Earla Pilatzke (Acting); 1957-1958, H. J. Medd; 1958-1959, Mary Ellen Young (Acting); 1959-1960, Luana Young (Acting); 1960-1965, Charles Doherty; 1965, Sheila Cadogan (Acting); 1966-1967, Ronald Mackenzie; 1968, Sheila Cadogan (Acting); 1968-?, Ken McPherson; ?-present, Maurice Allen.

DOCUMENTATION:

Annual reports: complete from 1950. Other material: "We also have minute books dating back to the beginning as well as various ledgers."

VICTORIA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

32 William Street North
Lindsay, Ontario K9V 4A1
705-324-9872, ext. 224
Mary Beth Gibson, Librarian

Victoria County Library Cooperative was established in 1952 and became the Victoria County Public Library on 1 January 1967.

PERSONNEL:

Frank Weldon, Clerk of Victoria County, and Amy Cosh, Librarian for Bobcaygeon, were influential in the founding of the Victoria County Library: both are now deceased. (date unknown) June Thexton, 1955-1964; Janet Nowakowski, 1965-1978; 1979-present, Mary Beth Gibson. Other: Rita Barr, May 1964-present, employee of the Library.

DOCUMENTATION:

Annual reports: (inc.). Other material: "As a matter of fact, all we really have on hand in our files are the last half dozen years. If a researcher seriously wants to know more about this library, I would suggest contacting Mrs. Rita Barr and Mrs. June Thexton."

WATERLOO REGIONAL LIBRARY

Marsland Centre
Waterloo, Ontario N2J 4G7
519-885-9535
Karin Manley, Director of Library Services

Waterloo County Library was formed (date unknown), but became the Waterloo Regional Library on 1 January 1973.

PERSONNEL:

James Sanderson of Preston was one of the enthusiastic organizers of the Waterloo County Library Cooperative. 1967-1968, Acting Chief Librarian, B. Gowing; 1968-1974, First Chief Librarian, Judy Ettinger; 1974-present, Karin Manley.

DOCUMENTATION:

Annual reports: (inc.). Other material (microfilmed and available at headquarters): annual report of public libraries, 1965-1970 (inc.); financial forms, 1958-1971 (inc.); financial reports for public libraries, 1960-1971; grant forms, 1958-1971 (inc.); James Sanderson Memorial Library Fund, 1962; Librarian's reports, 1956-1963, 1968-1974; Waterloo County Library: Additions, Renovations; Waterloo County Library: Formation; Waterloo County Library: Board-Agendas, 1968-1972; Waterloo County Library Board Minute Book: 1963-1967 (inc.), 1968-1972; Waterloo County Library Minute Book and Accounts Approved, 1956-1962. Note: Since 1973 and the advent of Regional Government, all pertinent library records are maintained by the Regional Clerk and the Finance Department.

WELLINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wellington Place

R R # 1

Fergus, Ontario N1M 2W3

519-846-5761

Patrick Harvie, Librarian

Wellington County Public Library was formed under County by-law # 2910, on 9 December 1974.

PERSONNEL:

Sam Bowman, then Reeve of Pilkington Township, was instrumental in the Library's formation. June 1975 to present, First Librarian, Patrick Harvie.

DOCUMENTATION:

Annual reports: complete.

NEW MEMBERS FOR 1988

Sister Evelyn Beerepoot, 750 Kingston Rd.,
Toronto, Ont., M4E 1R7. (416) 691-4407
Inez Cawley, 107 - 200 Shakespeare Dr.,
Waterloo, Ont., N2L 6C1. (519) 747-4421
Joan Fairfield, R.R. #1,
Thornbury, Ont., N0H 2P0. (519) 599-6218
Janet Fyfe, 432 Oak Park Dr.,
London, Ont., N6H 3N4. (519) 472-5201
Dorothy Hall, 327 Fifth Ave.,
Ottawa, Ont., K1S 2N6. (613) 235-4756
Rosemary T. Laevens, 387 Empire Ave.,
Thunder Bay, Ont., P7E 4S3.
Anne Locatelli, 6 Hart Rd.,
Elliot Lake, Ont., P5A 1P8. (705) 848-4066
John MacPherson, 124 Regent St.,
London, Ont., N6A 2G4. (519) 434-1917
Heather McCallum, 402 - 175 Elm St.,
Toronto, Ont., M5T 2Z8. (416) 598-0661
Dr. Marget H.C. Meikleham, St. Joseph's Villa, 56 Governor's Rd.
Dundas, Ont., L9H 5G7. (416) 627-0941
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Tonawanda, New York, USA, 14150. (716) 691-9706
RuthAnn Raiken, 116 Devon Lane,
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For Your Information FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 EX LIBRIS ORGANIZATION (New Horizon Funds - Health and Welfare Canada)
 Our 18 month grant period expired on Feb. 18, 1988. We have applied for
 an extension. If it is not granted the balance, which will be reduced
 slightly from that on this report, must be returned to the Ministry.

RECEIPTS

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Total rev.</u>
New Horizons	\$14,200.00	\$10,000.00	\$4,200.00	\$14,200.00
Bank interest		\$ 545.29		\$ 545.29
TOTAL	\$14,200.00	\$10,545.29		\$14,745.29

EXPENSE

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
Office supplies	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 552.90	\$ 697.10	
Rent	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 619.80	\$ 380.20	
Telephone	\$ 700.00	\$ 280.51	\$ 419.49	
Furniture				
Office	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,030.59	\$ (230.59)	
Archive & Oral hist.	\$ 2,600.00		\$2,600.00	
Other				
Newsletter	\$ 600.00	\$ 177.30	\$ 422.70	
Travel	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
Conference				
Materials	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
Speaker	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 590.30	\$ 909.70	
Sect'y wages	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 1,469.16	\$2,280.84	
Bank charges		\$ 20.80	\$ (20.80)	
TOTAL	\$14,200.00	\$ 5,741.36		
Expenses to February 18, 1988				\$ 5,741.36
Balance, February 18, 1988				\$ 9,003.93

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION

REVENUE

1987 membership fees	\$ 500.00	
1986 annual meeting	\$ 410.00	
1986 gifts - 2	\$ 20.00	
1988 membership fees	\$ 380.00	
1987 annual meeting	\$ 570.00	
Anonymous gift	\$ 50.00	
U.S. exchange	\$ 4.57	
Bank interest	\$ 34.24	
TOTAL revenue to Feb 18		\$1,968.81

EXPENSES

1986 annual meeting (lunch)	\$ 360.00	
1987 annual meeting (lunch)	\$ 600.00	
Bank service charges	\$ 0.35	
TOTAL expenses to Feb 18		\$ 960.35
Balance, February 18, 1988		\$ 1,008.46

Friends and colleagues:

You have read the reports and news items in the Ex Libris News by the time you have reached this, the last page. As you know the work has been carried out over the past two years by volunteers with a minor amount of paid clerical assistance.

We have been encouraged by the positive comments which we have heard. However the organizational efforts have taken far more time than we anticipated so that we have not been able to get on with the programs which we have outlined in our reports.

We need your membership and your help. Please take a minute to fill out the form below and write your name on a very small cheque for \$5. And don't forget we are looking for personal employment letters, etc., information on county and regional libraries and help in our oral history projects.

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EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION
The School of Library and Information Science, UWO
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1988 membership form New ___ Renewal ___

Name: _____

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Annual fee enclosed \$5.00

WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF NEW MEMBERS WOULD COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

What was/is the nature of your involvement with libraries over the years. Give libraries, dates, types of work etc. Continue on back if necessary.
