

Library board report

JAN 27, 1988

The Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fort St. John Public Library. Five trustees will be elected at this meeting. The nominating committee is searching for interested people to let their names stand. If you are interested, or know of someone who has a keen interest in the Public Library, please contact us at the library: 785-3731. We hope many library users will come out to the annual general meeting. It's an interesting and informative evening in a friendly atmosphere.

CITY COUNCIL LIASON

The Board bid farewell to Alderman David Bodnar at the December meeting. Mr. Bodnar has represented the city for several years and attended Library meetings regularly. Alderman Wayne Gretzinger is the new City Liason for the coming year. Mr. Gretzinger was introduced to the Library Board at the January meeting.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Several new people have become active in this support group. Their Annual General Meeting was held November 24. At that time they donated \$3,000 to the Public Library Development Fund and elected a new executive.

President: Yvonne Vandergutten; Secretary: Vi Wood-

ward; Treasurer: Linda Boot; Memberships: Winnie Scott; Puppet Group Co-ordinator: Diana Steele; Library Liason: Lawrence Beaton; Director at Large: Jane Huagen.

Mr. Beaton reported that the booksale held in December at the "Legacy of Cheer" was very successful. Also the "Friends" Puppet Shows were popular around Christmas. They performed for several organizations.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Story Hour — Story hour for two year olds has resumed. This takes place Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11:00. Phone the library for more details.

Visiting Author — Andres Schroeder, the author of "Dust Ship Glory" is coming to Fort St. John on January 26. He will give a reading from "Toccata in 'D'" at 7:00 p.m. at the library. Mr. Schroeder's book "Dust Ship Glory" is to be made into a movie.

Puppet Group The Junior Puppet Group which met each Wednesday before Christmas, were invited to perform at two functions; The Legacy of Christmas Cheer on December 6, and MacDonalds' Community Party on December 14.

Volunteers Needed — Daily circulation of books is increasing. This is great news but it also means there's more for the staff to do at the library. The volunteer helpers are

very much appreciated. Do you have an hour or two to spare each week? The library urgently needs more volunteer workers. If you can help out, please call the Library.

Library Hours

The library is open to the public 39 hours per week. Monday closed;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Come and see what's new. There are new books and videos arriving regularly.

Submitted by Pat Smith

Free library service suggested

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Daily News Staff

Major revisions to the Library Act to allow for free basic public library service are needed, the interim report of the task force of public libraries in British Columbia concludes.

The task force makes 12 recommendations on library service in the report made public last week. They include provincial per capita

assistance for acquisition of library materials be increased by 30 per cent, and that rates be adjusted by the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index.

The force also recommends a "fair and equitable" portion of the B.C. Lottery Fund be dedicated annually to the public library service, to assist in automation, networking, communications

technology and other projects.

There were also recommendations made for the Library Services Branch. Among these were that a new role for the branch be defined for the 1990s, transition services such as books-by-mail and book cataloguing and processing services, further support for the B.C. Library Association and Library Trustees Association.

The majority of submissions recommended that no single institution be designated as a provincial resource library. However, there was a clear indication of a desire to develop strong regional networks to undertake resource-sharing on a regional basis.

Helena Mott of the city is a task force member.



THE MEMBERS of the new Fort St. John Public Library Association board are pictured above. In back row from are left Jay Hammond, Bill Harlos, David Bradley, and Ross Peters. Middle row from left Charles Maclean, Wayne Gretzinger and Riccardo Loro. Front from

left Pat Smith, outgoing Chairman Helena Mott and Jack Bailey. Re-elected member Gene Blishen is not pictured. Hammond and Peters are new board members, replacing Mott and Joe Sloan.

Library requests more city funding

By LEAH J. UTAS
Daily News staff

Opening the library more hours a week and paying the staff higher salaries is the goal of the library board for 1988 and to that end they have asked the city for \$30,000 more than last year.

Outgoing library board chairman Helena Mott explained the board "would like to see the staff better paid." Their wages "are not comparable to other situations in the city."

The salary increases are between four and five per cent.

The board has kept other areas of its proposed 1988 operating budget "to a minimum" to help realize the asked-for wage increase.

The only other area responsible for the increased budget request is a \$3000 capital expenditure for a computer for the library. She adding the board was "reluctant" to take money out of the library development fund because they want to use

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it for the move to their new facility.

The board is seeking \$139,729.70 from the city, up from the \$109,000 last year. The total budget requirement is \$148,426.70 but income for the year is predicted at \$8,700.

This money is expected to be made through fines, rural fees, lost books and services such as the copier and projector rentals.

She also noted the board has asked for the Regional District and Taylor to contribute directly to the library so the more money per capita can be received from the province. If this happens rural membership fees will no longer be charged.

Mott said the board would like to return library hours to the 1986 level when it was open during the day Mondays and on Wednesday evenings.

But, she added if the board does not receive the money it needs some of the programs offered at the library may have to be cut.



THE JUNIOR PUPPET Group kept everyone amused at the library last Saturday with their skits celebrating springtime. Even bad weather

couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of 30 or 40 youngsters. MAY 9, 1988

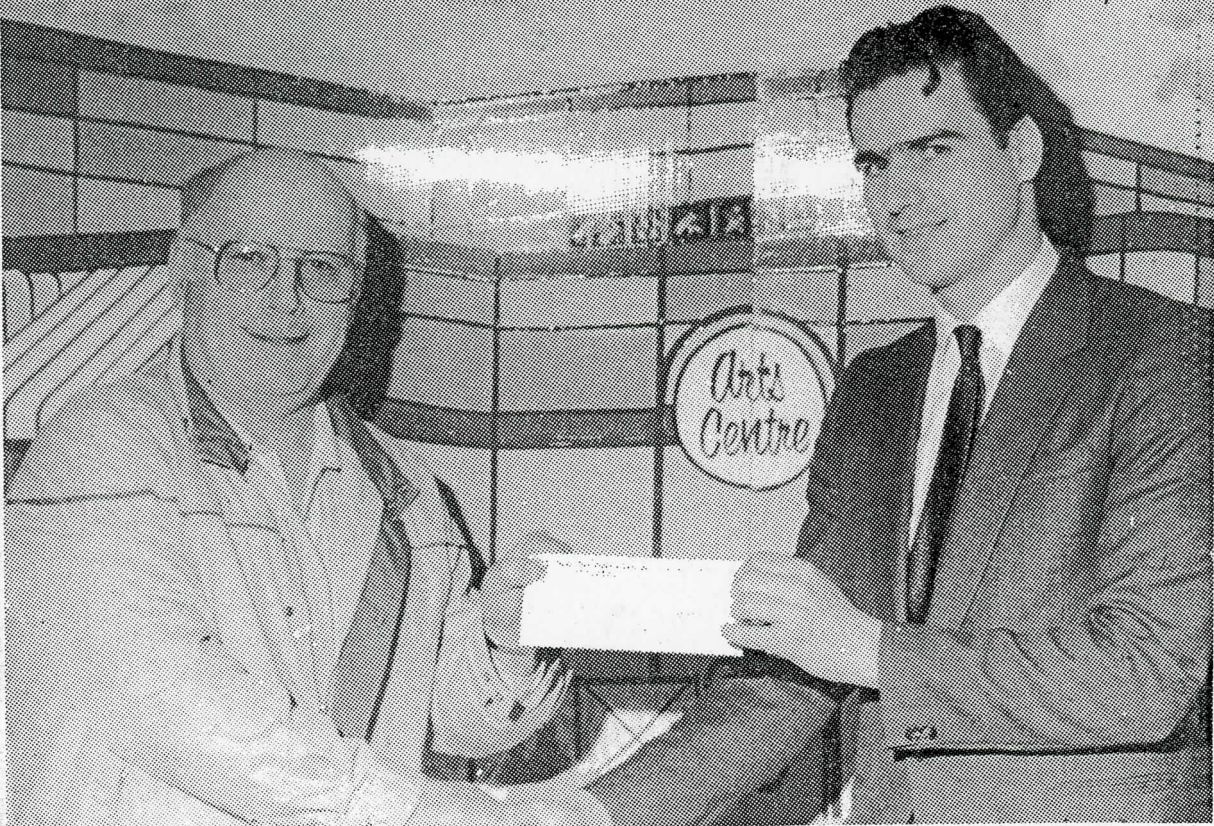


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LIBRARY BUILDING FUND received two boosts this week. Above Harvey Ruddell, left, of A and

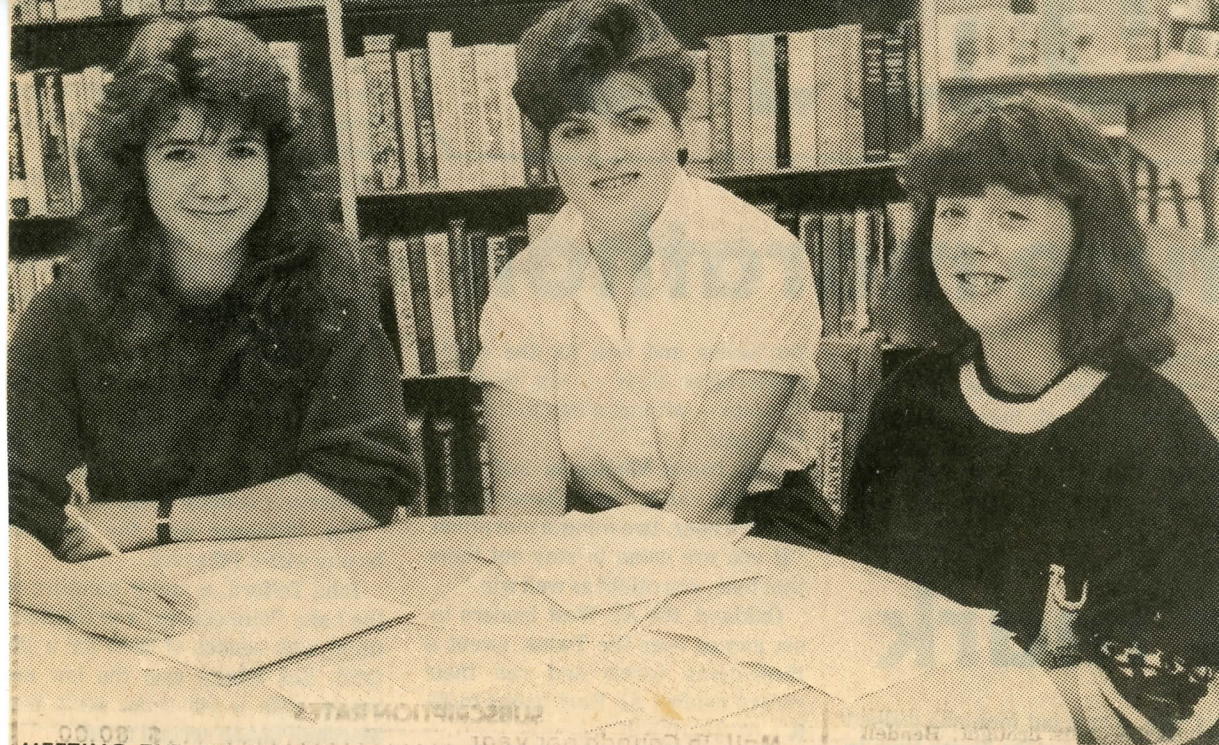
R Ventures presents cheque for \$1-thousand to Ross Peters of the Library Board.

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ANOTHER BOOST to the Library building fund was made, as John Okrainec, left, of Husky

transport presents cheque for \$2-thousand to Ross Peters of the Library board.



MEETING THE CHALLENGE in the Challenge 88 program are see Linda Payne, Rosalie Klassen and Tangerine D'Atillio. If you happen to be visiting the Library this summer they will be

lurking around the bookshelves. They've been hired by the library to take inventory of every last book on the shelves this summer.

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Vi Woodward, Yvonne Vandergugten and Co-op Manager Gene Syvenky pause in front of the "Friends of the Library" book bin in the Co-op Mall. Yvonne writes: Our gracious thanks to the Co-op management for giving our books a permanent home. Also a thankyou to Vi Woodward for sorting and transporting the many books from the library to the mall. The bookshelves here were set up at the mall to

display a variety of books which will be rotated on a regular basis to give a good variety of reading material. All monies raised from the sales will be donated to the children's section of the library. Donations of children's books and pocket novels would be very much appreciated. For pick up service, please call 785-3731. *AUG 19, 1988*

Library finishes off summer

Oct 14, 1988

The first meeting of the library board after the summer break was held Sept. 15 at the Public Library.

Our two new trustees, Ross Peters and Jay Hammond have resigned because they've moved from this area. Two more people were appointed as trustees in their place: Irv Boichuk and Sharon Brown.

Friends of the Library

The Friends are very pleased with the results of having the lockbox and permanent bookshelf at the Co-op

Mall. People have been generous in their donations and purchases. Once again we thank the staff and the people who work at other businesses in the Co-op Mall for keeping an eye on the books. Check the shelves while you are down at the Co-op. You may find a gem to add to your home library.

Summer Program

The children's summer program was very successful. It was run by the summer employment students

and enjoyed by many pre-schoolers and school-aged children. A puppet show was held at the end of the summer and was attended by over 50 children.

Fall Programs

Louise Framst conducted a Food and Flower Drying workshop on Sept. 13. Two dozen people enjoyed this session.

Coming events:

Pre-school Story Hour

This starts Oct. 13. Unfortunately, there is already a full registration and waiting list. Indicate your interest at the library for more sessions for three to five year olds.

Origami Workshop

This will be held for children ages 10 and up on Oct. 22 at 10:30 a.m. Perhaps your child would like to learn the ancient Japanese art of paper folding.

Arts Alive

The library will have representatives at the Totem Mall on Oct. 15 to inform people of what is happening at their public library. We will also take advantage of Arts Alive to sell tickets on a set of Hurtig "Canadian Encyclopaedias". The draw will be made on Dec. 3 at the "Legacy of Christmas Cheer." The proceeds will go towards the Arts Centre.

Library gives funds to Centre

The October meeting of the Fort St. John Public Library was held Oct. 20 at the Library.

Expo Legacy and Library Development: The Library board has contributed \$10,000 toward the Arts Centre building project. The project is well underway and community support is much appreciated. Our community is building a project everyone will enjoy and be proud of.

Raffle: The Canadian Encyclopedia is being raffled as a fundraiser with all proceeds going to the Arts Centre. Tickets are \$1 apiece or three for \$2 and may be purchased at the library or through any board member.

Group Memberships: Any organized group wishing to have a group membership at the library may do so by filling out an application. If this would be of service to your group, please check at the library.

Talking Books: These will soon be available for a small rental fee per taped book for a two-week loan period.

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 12 Children's Book Week is Nov. 12-19 and we have a children's book illustrator here to talk to us. Brenda Clark is the illustrator of Big Sarah's Little Boots and Franklin in the Dark, two well-known children's books. Her talk will be at 10:30 at the library on Saturday morning and will be of interest to all ages. There is no charge as this reading is sponsored by the Canada Council and the Canadian Children's Book

Centre.

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Nov. 16 The Friends of the Library will hold their A.G.M. and Trivia Challenge and Trivia Challenge at 7:30 Nov. 16. They invite everyone to come and enjoy an evening of challenging fun. The Friends' ongoing project is raising money for furnishings for the new library. Anyone interested in joining this group will be more than welcome.

Nov. 19 This is a busy day in our community. Among the other community events will be the Friends of the Library Book Sale. The sale will be held at the Co-op Mall. Come and browse, there's bound to be a book just for you.

Nov. 22 Make-up workshop at 7 p.m. at the library. This is free of charge but please contact the library for more details or to pre-register.

Our library is busy. There's a lot happening — circulation is up, video circulation has almost doubled over last year and library registration has increased.

We are fortunate to have the cooperative, cheerful people who work in our library. Thanks should be extended to Romi, Linda, Diana and all the other terrific library employees and volunteers who are so helpful and efficient.

Please give us your suggestions and comments. The library is a public service and we need your input in order to give you the service you want.

Submitted by Pat Smith
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