

CEO Report

2001 – 2003

Years in Review

Programming

The Friends of the Library was established in February, 2001 as an “arms length” group from the library Board to support the library in fundraising activities and educational workshops. The *Friends* have overseen book sales, ladies night out events and an educational Breast Screening workshop. On Saturday February 21st, 2004 the *Friends* will be hosting a **Crafters/Hobbyist February Flea!** At the Bonfield Agridome. If you have any surplus materials you want to get rid of such as yarns, tools & notions, fabric, needlepoint or model kits, craft paints or woodworking tools, jigsaw puzzles, etc... you may contact Sharon Scott at 776-2539.

The Bonfield Public Library participates in a very successful provincial wide *Children Summer Reading Program* sponsored by the Toronto Dominion Bank. Upon registration children receive a poster, activity book/log book. For every three books that a child read he/she receives a sticker to place on their poster. In the past years we have registered between 40 – 50 children ages 5 to 13+. One reason this program is so successful is its portability. Children who are visiting other communities are invited to the local public library for their sticker reward.

The Bonfield Public Library also hosted *Reading for Fun*, for children ages 5 to 9+, after children successfully read their book quota they were given a .99 cent coupon to be redeemed at Misko or the Kwik-Way.

In March 2001, The Bonfield Public Library Board supported Debbie Foisy in her efforts to start a reading group. The Library Board also supported Andrée Gagné in her efforts in conducting computer tutoring.

Staffing

In 2001, Mrs. Leslie Larocque, who held the position of Library Clerk accepted the responsibilities as Head Librarian/CEO at the East Ferris Public Library. We were very fortunate to hire Mrs. Andrée Gagné as our new Library Clerk. Andrée brought tremendous strength and talent to our library. In November, 2001 we purchased a new library automation software (Spectrum Suite). With Andrée’s knowledge and expertise in the automation world, the library’s 12,634 holdings have been successfully entered on to a data base.

In 2003, Mrs Connie Contant, who held the position of Library Assistant accepted a position at Misko along with Valley View. The Board decision was to hire Mrs. Patricia Vezina to end the year, and that position would become under review with this new Board term.

Funding

As members of the *Ferris Glen Community Access Program (CAP)* original funding and sustainability funding has been secured for our computers, scanner, printers, digital camera and our high speed internet connection. Applications have been recently submitted to Industry Canada to purchase new privacy desks and up-grades to our computer equipment.

As members of the *Blue Sky Region Community Network* funding has been achieved through (DNSSAB) District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board for a computer, stand-alone computer desk, monitor and color printer. This organization was also successful in securing funding for an *Early Years Program* by receiving monies for materials and staff.

In June, 2002 the Bonfield Public Library hired Mrs. Linda Virgoe to create and oversee an Early Years Program. The “*Sandman*” story hour open its doors on Monday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. In April, 2003 Mrs. Patricia Vezina was hired as our new Early Years Educator to replace Mrs. Virgoe who resigned due to illness.

Long Range Plan

The Bonfield Public Library has been recently successful in their application of \$7,000.00 dollars from The Ontario Trillium Foundation to purchase new shelving units.

The Library is also pursuing a matching grant from Fondation Franco-Ontarienne’s and the Caisse Populaire to a maximum of \$500.00 dollars each to purchase French materials.

Board members suggestions for programming or/and workshop to enhance the library visibility would be greatly appreciated.