

## Reading programs inspire

*A house without books is like a room without windows. No one has a right to bring up children without surrounding them with books... Children learn to read being in the presence of books. —Horace Mann*

For many students not surrounded by books at home, and for others too, a school based reading program is their best introduction to the world of reading. The Silver Birch Awards are given by Grade 4, 5 and 6 students each June. The children choose winners in Fiction and Non-Fiction when they cast their ballots on voting day in May. It is the most democratic and unbiased process possible when the children make their choice. The program is administered by the Ontario Library Association and run by teacher-librarians and teachers in schools and by children's librarians in public libraries. But

the choice belongs to the children. And, in their tens of thousands, they know what they are doing.

The Red Maple Award reading program is offered for students in Grades 7, 8 and 9. The program follows the pattern of the Silver Birch Awards reading program, giving students who have read a minimum number of nominated titles the opportunity to vote with a large group of their peers for the nominated title that they feel should win the Red Maple Award each year.

**REGISTER NOW!**

<http://www.accessola.com/programs/silverbirch/>

<http://www.accessola.com/programs/redmaple/>

## Library automation moves forward

KPR has signed a contract along with Peterborough Public Library and the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland-Clarington Catholic School Board to upgrade all of its schools to Horizon library system from Dynix. Both products are sold by Epixtech based in Provo, Utah and with a subsidiary office in Waterloo, Ontario. The project will occur in two phases. In Phase 1 the former PACLAN schools and Peterborough PL will upgrade to Horizon in March 2002. PVNC, currently with three high schools automated, will be adding the remainder. Phase II will see the remaining schools merging with the new database at a future date. The resulting merged database will encompass more than 110 school libraries in three counties, plus will give access to the Peterborough and Norwood-Asphodel public libraries. Patrons will be able to access the library catalogue from anywhere on the Internet.

## Medianet upgrade

New features in Medianet 7.5 include the Multipick function and the return of the I'll Pick Up feature which tells us that you want to pick up your order at the LRC. The multi-pick option allows you to choose several titles from a single search and place them on the order form all at one time. To select a multi-pick display, choose either Brief multi-pick or Full multi-pick from the Detail Display Menu.

A Multi-pick Tutorial is available on the website.

<http://medianet.kpr.edu.on.ca:8280/>

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## OSLA launches website

OSLA provides a common voice for teacher-librarians' needs and interests through advocacy, leadership and continuing education. Over 1300 elementary and secondary school teacher-librarians and school board consultants are represented in OSLA. Website areas include professional resources, advocacy, publications, reading programs, membership, awards, and links.

<http://www.accessola.org/osla/>



# New Medianet titles

**NEW!** Complete set of **Canada: a people's history** - videos plus teacher's guide Junior, Intermediate, and Senior level teacher's guides - French and English version.

## Brain Quest Canada (T20937)

An up-to-date trivia game about Canada geared towards the Junior and Intermediate level students.

A brand new edition with over 1000 questions and answers covering people, places, culture and historic events - it's the all-Canada challenge. Game can be played with any number of students or alone. Also an excellent tool for teachers. (J/I - 2 decks of trivia cards)

## Enviro-quiz. SOS planet earth. (T20939)

This kit is 2 games in 1. *Enviro-*

*quiz* tests students' knowledge and common sense about the environment, the biosphere and endangered species.

*SOS Planet Earth*, uses the same cards and teaches students to become environmental experts at working at saving the Earth. It helps them to identify problems and find the best solutions to eliminate them. Quiz questions based on environmental threats and solutions, and endangered species. (J/I - 216 trivia cards, 1 quiz sheet, score sheets, instructions)

## STOPS board game (T20938)

STOPS board game is the winner of the annual MENSEA Mind Games Competition for 2001. It is easy to learn, quick paced and challenging without being frustrating. Students listen to an entertaining clue and are

then challenged to identify which STOP (which province or territory) is being described by that clue. Since Canada now has ten provinces and three territories, there are 13 possible answers.

(J/I - 1 game board, two dice, 360 clue cards, eight playing pieces, sheet of rules)

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## Themes: SURVIVE! Grades 4—8, Junior Intermediate.

Throughout the year teachers are always keen to explore novel sets dealing with survival skills of young adults. These types of novels teach courage and determination along with values, and so help students in that age group to evaluate and think about priorities in their own lives.

Here at the LRC we have seen a couple of titles becoming the staple diet offered by teachers in their programs. The LRC does have in its collections several more titles all based on wilderness survival which we hope to bring to your attention. All of the items on the following

list are at a Junior or Intermediate level. Some may contain audio cassettes or a teacher's guide, or additionally, an accompanying video.

G01342 Grizzly. 20 bks, TG

G01600 Avalanche. 12 bks

G01076 Call it courage. 30bks, 2 audio

G01245 Call of the wild. 22-24 bks, audio, activity sheets, TG

G01353 Hold on Geronimo. 24 bks

G01040 Island of the blue dolphins. 15-26 bks, audio, TG

G01071 Julie of the wolves. 16-25

bks, audio, TG

G01031 Lost in the barrens. 16 bks, TG

G01499 River 18 bks

G01572 Search 11 bks

G01376 Island keeper 15 bks

G01348 Hatchet 25 bks, audio, TG

G01317 Far north. 14 bks

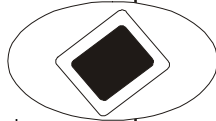
G01237 Brian's winter. 29 bks

G01524 Sign of the beaver. 30 bks, TG



## How Do I Create An Electronic Slide Show?

1. Create a script.
2. Compile pictures, photos.
3. Use *presentation* software to create your electronic slides.
4. Display your show using a computer and a projector.



1. Get your ideas down on paper. What is the clearest way to present your message? Establish what each slide will require in the form of pictures, text, etc.

2. Create digital pictures for your presentation by scanning existing photos, or importing clipart. Use a digital camera to take your own great images.

3. Your slide show will be created using a piece of software designed for the job. "Corel Presentations" is licensed by the Ministry and available for your use. Microsoft Powerpoint is another common slide show tool.

4. Once your show is completed, play your creation using a computer and a special LCD projector.

The LRC Multimedia department can provide you access to:

- \* A scanner to digitize your pictures.
- \* A digital camera to take your own pictures.
- \* Corel Presentations to create your show.
- \* A laptop and projector to show your creation.

Contact us for more information.

### ADOBE PHOTOSHOP LE IN SCHOOLS!

This fall, Adobe Photoshop 5.0 LE was licensed by the Ministry and shipped to school libraries. Photoshop LE provides users with a basic set of image editing tools preferred by graphic design professionals around the world.

#### \*New Tools Galore

Aside from all the standard painting tools, Photoshop LE includes professional color-correction capabilities: it diagnoses and fixes common color problems with photos, including over- or undersaturation. LE also comes with photo retouching tools and the full version's complete set of special-effects filters, from ordinary sharpening and blurring to more artistic filters. The fanciest of these filters will even distort or texturize an image, or translate the image into paint- or ink pen-like strokes. Still not enough? The LE version also supports third-party plug-in filters.

#### Hooray for Layers

The priceless gem of LE's new toolkit is the Layers feature, which places transparent sheets over your image. Once you make these layers, you can work on each layer separately--that way, if you want to erase, say, a line of text from your image but you don't want to wipe out the background image, you can erase only the text layer. The full version of Photoshop has supported layers for years, and now Layers should make LE much easier for beginners who don't want to start over from scratch whenever they accidentally add an element they don't like.



\*excerpted from a CNET review - Casey Caston

For the full review check out:

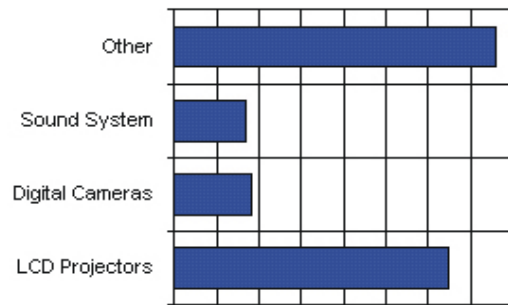
[Http://home.cnet.com/software/0-429627-7-306816.html](http://home.cnet.com/software/0-429627-7-306816.html)

Questions about multimedia or equipment loans?  
Contact Hank or Stan (705) 742-9773 x2246, x2247

## did you know?

Computer projectors and digital cameras constitute half of the LRC AV equipment bookings. Reserve your equipment early to avoid disappointment.

### LRC Equipment Bookings Fall 2001



Multimedia Services: Making Multimedia Accessible!



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## Welcome to our inaugural issue...

LRC staff are pleased to be able to offer KPR teachers the LRC Newsletter. It is a resource we hope will complement and enrich our services and resources that so many already take advantage of. In its pages we will be offering a preview of media titles, professional materials, children's literature and a selection of quality, educational websites. You will also see tips and guides to multimedia equipment and software.

The LRC Newsletter will be issued three times per year in Winter, Spring and Fall. Two copies will be sent to each school: one for the office and one for the school library information centre. Additional copies may be printed or viewed by downloading a copy in .PDF format from the LRC website.

Please reply to the address given. We look forward to your comments and suggestions!

We're on the Web!

[Http://www.kpr.edu.on.ca/BoardInfo/Services/Educ/Lrc/index.htm](http://www.kpr.edu.on.ca/BoardInfo/Services/Educ/Lrc/index.htm)

## Web sites we like

### The Canadian Children's Book Centre

Publishers of Our Choice magazine, "The Canadian Children's Book Centre helps the creative talent of Canada - the writers, the illustrators - reach the people who count: the readers. An investment in The Canadian Children's Book Centre is an investment in your child's future as a Canadian." -Margaret Laurence, author

<http://www.bookcentre.ca/>

### The Exploratorium the museum of science art and human perception.

The museum of science, art and human perception based in San Francisco offers 10 000 pages of activities, online exhibits, links, images, two web cams, and a great selection of educational toys and gifts at the online store. Exhibits are appealing and aimed at kids 7-14. Visit the Science of Hockey for

example and you can explore how ice is made, shooting a puck, equipment, saves, and checking in a good mix of text, images and interactivity.

<http://www.exploratorium.edu/>

**Gateway to Educational Materials--Literature** GEM provides access to thousands of educational resources. To find book resources select Broad Subject=Language Arts and Narrower Topic=Literature and browse through 1300+ resources, activities, stories and lessons. Or search by title author or theme.

<http://www.thegateway.org/>

**Teachers' Centre of the Virtual Museum of Canada** Learning with Museums is a search engine that provides access to lesson plans and activities found on museum sites across Canada. What's On gives you access to museum events, and This Week in History offers

a quick glance at events that have shaped our country.

<http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/English/Teacher/index.html>

**KidsClick.** Search over 600 subject areas like crafts, sports, arts, music, dinosaurs, ghosts, museums, UFOs, holidays, hobbies, pets, babysitting... Catalogued, age appropriate, useful web sites.

<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/KidsClick/>

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