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Library Opening Sunday

The Henderson Regional Library in the Rossmere Shopping Centre will be officially opened Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Miss Mary Henderson, the last representative of the Henderson family which had so much to do in shaping the municipalities of East and North Kildonan, will officially open the library by cutting the ribbon.

Ald. Bruce Bodie, chairman of the Library Board, will MC the opening ceremonies.

Other members of the Board are: Ald. - elect Don Nightingale, representative of East Kildonan, and Councillor Leo Rougeau and Jim Burgess, secretary - treasurer of the Board, representing North Kildonan.

Mrs Dorothy Crosby is the librarian, assisted by Mrs. G. Sutherland, Mrs. B. McLeod and Mrs. I. Morris.

Tea will be served following the opening. The public is invited to attend.

The library has 6,000 books on the shelves, of which half are for children and young people.



LIBRARY OFFICIALLY OPENED: Miss Mary Henderson cuts the ribbon, assisted by Ald. Bruce Bodie, to officially open the Henderson Regional Library. Holding the ribbon are: Merrill Whitehead (left), deputy mayor of North Kildonan, and Mayor George Suttie of East Kildonan. Six classes from schools have already visited the library in

a body and five more were expected today. Up to Wednesday night 416 adult memberships were issued and 383 juveniles. Mrs. Crosby, librarian, said the juvenile figure would probably be doubled when other cards out for parents' signatures are returned.

—Ralf Lilje-Gren, 750 Kildonan Drive

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The Henderson Regional Library in the Rossmere Shopping Centre was officially opened Sunday afternoon when Miss Mary Henderson, assisted by Ald. Bruce Bodie, chairman of the Regional Library Board, cut the ribbon before a large crowd of interested residents.

In introducing Miss Henderson, Ald. Bodie said the Henderson family had contributed so much to the community that there was never any doubt as to what the name of the library should be.

He stated her uncle had served on the Council and her father, after whom the new John Henderson High School was named, had served on the School Board.

The first Hendersons arrived in the Kildonans five years before the Selkirk Settlers. Miss Henderson herself was born in North Kildonan, moving to her present home on Henderson Highway in East Kildonan in 1905.

Library will grow depending partly upon its usefulness, but more so because of its use. We are the ones who can make it a popular and cultural instrument."

The Hon. Stewart McLean, minister of education, also addressed the gathering.

Others in attendance were: Murray Smith, M.P. for Kildonan; Dr. Joe Slogan, M.P. for Springfield; A. J. Reid, M.L.A.; Jack Willis, Metro councillor; B. E. Glavin, chairman of the River East Board; and L. A. McMahon, chairman of the East Kildonan School Board.

Mr. Bodie acknowledged gifts of books from the following: Mrs. Gladys Sutherland,



HON. ERRICK F. WILLIS

The Elmwood Curling Club will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the club with a banquet in the Marlborough Hotel Friday night. The guest speaker will be Hon. Errick F. Willis, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba. He will be introduced to the gathering by Bob O'Dowda.

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Pages flipped quietly.

Some adults were seated at the long tables, while others browsed through the stacks.

A few children scurried between their parents and their favorite book, although most had filed into the meeting room which offered the "Set Sail for Summer Reading" program.

That was the scene last week.

The site was the newly opened Henderson Branch Library located at the south end of the Rossmere Shopping Centre.

"It's more of a community facility than just the traditional image people would have," noted Heather Graham, area librarian.

"It's a community use facility."

For one thing, the move from the basement of the shopping centre increased the library space by 50 per cent to over 12,000 square feet.

The interior was designed to provide area for many activities, from casual browsing to

serious study.

"We're really excited to have lounge area for the public," said Graham.

Recalling the lunch counter which used to be quite a congregational point at the old Co-op Shopping Centre, she pointed out that the front lounge of the library is also a community gathering spot, with seating space for 12 to 13 people.

In the future, this spot will have display cubicles and space will permit the showing of local art.

Graham mentioned the efforts of the River East Art and Craft Association and the rotating prints from the Winnipeg Art Gallery as two groups which will probably be featured.

Vending machines are also a possibility.

A large community bulletin board specifically for the publicity of events in Elmwood, North and East Kildonan activities will also be available.

New books are located near the entrance, as well as a coin-operated photocopier.

The children's area has low shelves and plenty of seating.

The meeting room, which can hold approximately 60 people has been set up for class visits, story hours or film shows.

At the cost of \$10 it may be rented by the public for meetings.

"We also hope to have a series of programs there, initially probably in connection with the River East school division continuing education department," said Graham.

At the entrance a book drop allows the return of materials at all hours.

"We've already attracted people who couldn't use the library when it was in the basement," Graham stated.

The new library has a ramp at the front of the building, allowing wheelchair access.

Summer library hours are 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

Call 338-7819 for further information.