Reading Camps and Travelling Libraries in New Ontario, 1900-1905

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In 1900, the Ontario Department of Education and Alfred Fitzpatrick engaged in an experiment to supply books to reading camps for lumber, mining, and railway workers in Northern Ontario. The center-periphery interplay between education officials and Fitzpatrick gave birth to two important adult education agencies: Frontier College and Ontario’s travelling library system. Although the Department partially accepted Fitzpatrick’s original plan for library extension, he garnered enough public support and employer endorsements to leverage government action on key issues related to a systematic book supply, the reduction of illiteracy, and non-formal adult learning techniques. This paper uses primary sources to examine the differing objectives held by Fitzpatrick and the Department during their initial joint venture prior to the Ontario election of 1905. The study highlights why travelling libraries became a provincial responsibility; as well, it shows Fitzpatrick reshaped his original plans by practical interactions with resource workers that led to new approaches for adult learning at the outset of the 20th century.

Résumé

Professor Watts travels a lot on business. Scientists have received messages from space. Astronomers use English in messages to space. In one hundred and fifty years, Melbourne has grown from a small campsite into a city of three and a half million people. Most families live in the suburbs in a detached house with its own garden. This means that people have to travel long distances to school and work or to go shopping. Almost everyone has a car and although most streets are wide, there is a traffic problem. Many motorways have been built to make it easier to get into the C.B.D. but there are always traffic jams during the rush hour! The Hillsborough County library in Florida opened a drive-through pickup for reemployment-assistance applications. People can also drop them off when completed, and the library will mail them. In Arlington, Virginia, the public library has already published several online issues of Quaranzine, a community-sourced collection of artwork, poetry, photos, and stories about life during the pandemic. The Anythink Libraries are moving their summer reading program, called mySummer, out of the libraries and into the houses, treehouses, tents, homemade forts and backyards of its readers. “It is all about inventing your summer which includes reading, thinking and doing,” Director Pam Smith wrote me in an email. Camp Lejeune, New River, NC. Scene in the library showing members of the 51st Composite Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps, studying LC-USW3--022985-C [P&P]. Librarians Chapel Hill Orange County North Carolina Old Things University France History American. In 1900, Thomas Dodd, a Prince Edward Island merchant, left a bequest of $5,000 for the establishment of a public library room which opened in 1905. The Harris Memorial Library opened in 1930. Photo, 1958. Librarians Animated Gif New York City Public Street View Animation History American Books. Animated GIF in the NYPL Labs Stereogranimator. New York City Public Library. [ca. 1911] [1865?-1896?] Pinterest.