

## REPORT ON SOUTHERN ALBERTA LIBRARY SERVICES 1980

Southern Alberta Library Services was set up in October 1977 from Provincial funds of \$345,000.00 with the purpose of upgrading and assisting rural libraries in Southern Alberta.

- A. A co-ordinator and staff were hired
- B. An advisory board was elected from rural libraries
- C. Policies were set

There are 104 libraries in Southern Alberta.

Basic reference books that should be in every library were ordered and sent to those libraries wishing to receive them. Brooks received 20 books the first year. One half of the libraries refused because they did not want any government intervention in their libraries.

Since that time we have benefited from their services in many ways:

1. Financial aid for transportation to conferences
2. Workshops such as the trustees and puppet workshops put on in Brooks
3. Van service with blocks of books - we have been able to keep permanently eight blocks of twenty each. (a total of 160 books at an average cost of \$10.00 per book - \$1,600.00)
4. \$500.00 grant for furnishings to every library
5. The services of one professional and one technician to set up a complete subject catalogue in Brooks. They have worked approximately sixty hours each for Brooks.
6. Talking Book Service
7. Multilingual Service
8. Zenith
9. They have been instrumental in setting up the Marigold Plan
10. They have set aside \$60,000.00 for a regional film lending library for Southern Alberta
11. They have given us access to Calgary Public Libraries discards
12. They have given us numerous expensive fiction and non-fiction paperbacks