

Notes

The first annual **Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction for Young People** went to Carol Matas for *Lisa*, published by Lester & Orpen Dennys. The \$1,000 award, administered by the Canadian Children's Book Centre, is funded by 28 Canadian publishers, in memory of respected author and historian Geoffrey Bilson, who died in 1987.

The only special collection of children's literature in the Maritimes will be opened in October at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

Located in the Faculty of Education, the collection will be available for use by students and faculty at UNB and specialists in children's literature throughout the region. The core of the collection is 2,250 books donated by Eileen Wallace, a UNB education professor, including about 1,500 junior fiction, 400 picture books, some books of poetry and drama, and about 150 books of folktales, myths and nursery rhymes. Among the approximately 200 historical books is a book of manners from 1755 and *Watt's poems* from 1815.

"Creating Professionals, 1989" a writing workshop, will be held at the University of Toronto July 23-29. For information, write to School of Continuing Studies, 158 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2V8.

The International Research Society of Children's Literature will be held September 4-8, 1989, in Salamanca, Spain. For information, write Karen Hoyle, 1554 Pelham Street, St. Paul, MN 55108, U.S.A.

Groundwood Books, a publishing company devoted exclusively to publishing Canadian children's books, celebrates its tenth anniversary, with pride in having achieved a leading number of awards and a sales record of over a million dollars a year.