

Lougheed Women's Institute donates children's book to library

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In an effort to help promote farm safety throughout Alberta, the Lougheed Women's Institute has donated a colourful children's book entitled *Tractor Trouble*, to the Lougheed Library.

The book, written by children's author David Poulsen, looks at the hidden dangers around the farmyard and the best way to avoid troubles. Young readers follow the adventures of Jason as he navigates his way safely through a day on the farm.

"Tractor Trouble is one of the few good children's books around about farming," says mother of five and former Lougheed kindergarten aide Sheila Tanton.

The Alberta Women's Institute developed the book project in conjunction with the Farm Safety Branch of Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development.

Tractor Trouble is the first book in a series entitled *Close Encounters* which will take children on many adventures set on the farm. The next book in the series will deal with children and livestock.

Lougheed Librarian Debbie Smith was pleased to accept *Tractor Trouble*. She thinks children will enjoy the book's colourful illustrations and easy to follow story line.

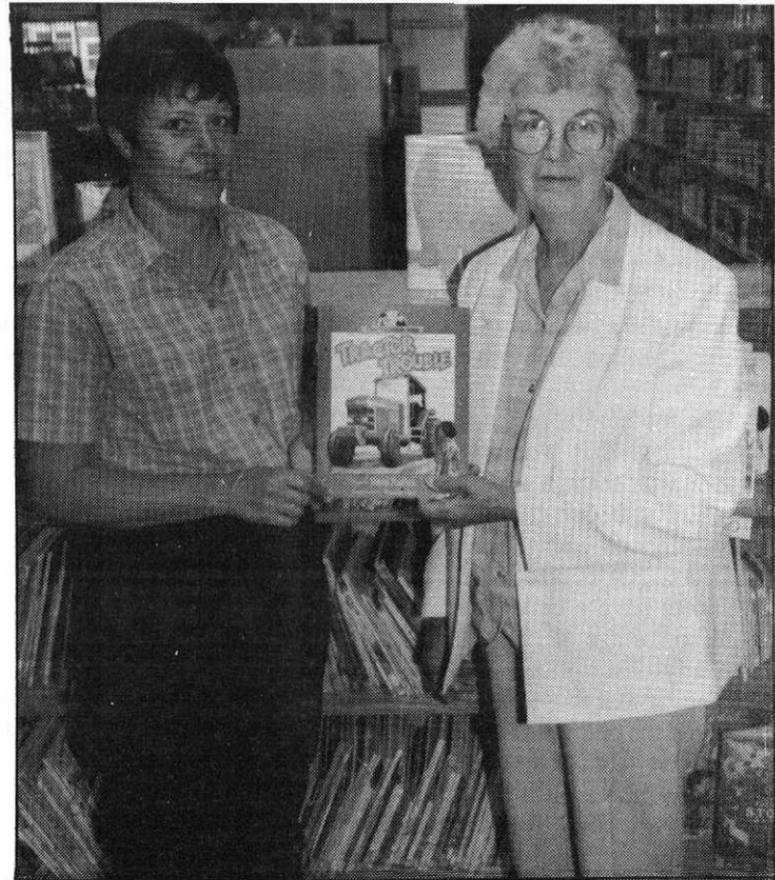
The Lougheed and District Public Library was founded by the Women's Institute (W.I.) in 1975. "Let us start a library for our community," said one W.I.

member. The library was first located in the little brick town office on Main Street. The town then needed the building, so the library was moved across the street to the back of Mr. Larson's barbershop. In 1982, a new building was built to house both the library and the town office.

"It's a library this community can really be proud of," says Smith. We don't know how lucky we are to have it."

The Lougheed Library has grown since its initial days. Joining the Parkland Regional Library system in 1985 brought a whole new wealth of sharing information, services and resources.

If a book you want isn't available at the Lougheed Library, then Smith can usually order it in from another library through the interlibrary loan program. Large print books and an assortment of classic videos are also available through the library.



Farm safety awareness: Rita Storbakken, Lougheed Women's Institute president (right), presents Lougheed librarian Debbie Smith with the children's book *Tractor Trouble*.