

Book Donation for Haut-Saint-Jean

The Haut-Saint-Jean Library Region has received a donation of new books and documents from Project Oasis, and to mark the occasion, a reception was held at the Mgr. W. J. Conway Public Library in Edmundston on Monday, July 28, starting at 10:30 a.m.

On hand to help celebrate the donation were Madeleine Dubé, Percy Mockler, and Jeannot Volpé, ministers of Education, Intergovernmental and International Relations, and Finance, respectively; Ella Nason, assistant director of the NBPLS; Anthony Knight, executive director of the N.B. Public Libraries Foundation; Johanne Jacob, director of the Haut-Saint-Jean Library Region, and other local dignitaries.

During the ceremony, the donated books were officially presented to the Haut-Saint-Jean Library Region, and a book entitled *Of Moose and Miracles*, winner of the 2003 Project Oasis Book Award, was presented as well.

Among the distinguished guests attending the ceremony were John and Christiana Stich of Dallas, Texas, directors of Project Oasis, and Father Jacques Lapointe, president of the organization and a native of Saint-Léonard who now resides in Washington. Project Oasis is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help communities around the world.

Since 2000, the Haut-Saint-Jean Library Region has received more than **8,359** documents from Project Oasis, including books, talking books, CDs, audiocassettes, and videocassettes. The value of the donations is estimated at over **US\$250,000**.



Johanne Jacob, Christina Stich, Father Jacques Lapointe and John Stich are looking at some of the books that will arrive in the libraries of the Haut-Saint-Jean Region.