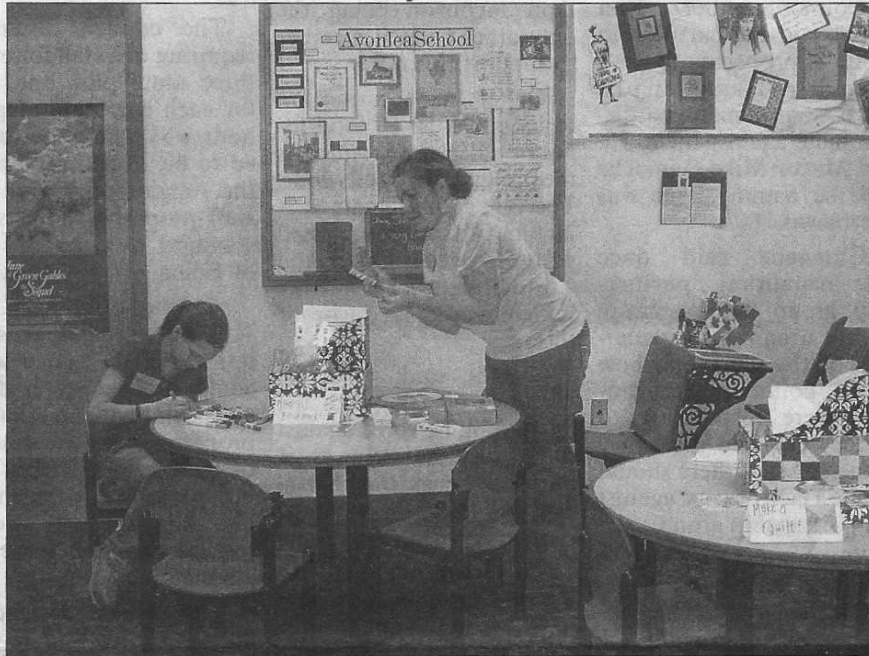


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Hannah Schreck, left, works on a bookmark at the Rum River Library while and Alison Klawiter, a Lucy Maud Montgomery Literary Society member, works on another project during the "Anne of Green Gables" April 19 event. Photos submitted

Rum River Library celebrates 100th anniversary of Anne of Green Gables

The Lucy Maud Montgomery (LLM) Literary Society of Minnesota sponsored a celebration for the 100th anniversary of the publication of the children's classic "Anne of Green Gables" at the Rum River Library April 19.

The event featured displays about the author and the setting of the novel, Prince Edward Island, Canada, as well as hands-on kids' activities and prize drawings.

The displays featured the food and drink from the turn-of-the-century and the many adaptations of Anne on film.

Children created bookmarks and small paper quilts, listened to a special LMM-themed story time and also got Anne's signature freckles "painted" on.

The LMM Literary Society has been studying and discussing the world of LMM's beloved novels for over 15 years, and the event was the first in a series of celebrations for Anne's centenary year.

About 150 people enjoyed playing "dress-up" in period clothing, guessing the function of antique household implements and savoring some birthday cake for Anne.

Called "the dearest and most lovable child in fiction since the immortal Alice" by Mark Twain, Anne Shirley has left a lasting impression on chil-

dren and adults everywhere, a feeling certainly observable at the event.

The LLM Society's next event is an Anne reading event at the Red Balloon Bookshop, St. Paul, May 31 and an Anne-themed tea on July 24. For more information on those events go to www.redballoonbookshop.com.

For more information on the LMM Society, visit the Web site: <http://home.earthlink.net/~bcavert/index.html>.



Emma Schreck, dressed as Anne during the April 19 "Anne of Green Gables" event at the Rum River Library.