

# Verna Mae wrote the book — again!

Verna Mae Weeks wrote the book on Mississauga.

Then she wrote another one. Weeks' first book entitled *My Villages of Mississauga* was published in 1986. It was so well received by the Peel school board, as well as libraries, museums and bookstores, that Weeks set out to write another book concentrating on the history of Mississauga.

Her recently completed *Lakeview: More Than Just Land* took three years of digging through archives before it could go to print in two volumes.

"Many people in Mississauga aren't really aware of the Lakeview area," said Weeks. "Its recognition has somewhat disappeared, but it is an interesting area."

*Lakeview: More Than Just Land* concentrates on the social history of the area, from the first land grant in 1812 to the Shaw family, through the poverty-stricken post-war depression, to the influx of industry, which brought with it an increase in employment opportunities.

"The area has a great history," commented Weeks. "It started out as villages, and the social aspect is very colorful."

Weeks' first publication re-



Staff photo by Chris Horobin

Verna Mae Weeks brought the first volume of her new book *Lakeview: More than just land to the Lakeview library*, where she presented it to Lakeview librarian Ingrid Keuper-Dalt.

sulted from a small history of Mississauga book she wrote for her granddaughter Tonya. Using the small book as a base, Weeks put in six more years of research to publish *My Villages*

*Of Mississauga*.

"I never thought I would be an author," said the 70-year-old, who was born and raised in the Lorne Park area of Mississauga.

Proceeds from her first book went towards graduating scholarships at Port Credit Secondary School — the same school from which Weeks graduated.