

# Retired teacher pens book about historic Sudbury trains

*Library hosts Jan. 31 launch with writer Dale Wilson*

*Sudbury Electrics & Diesels* is a new book on a topic not previously covered, except in few magazine articles.

The author of the book is Dale Wilson, a local resident with a passion for electric and diesel trains.

A native of Sault Ste. Marie, he settled in Sudbury in 1960. He taught for many years at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School and is a partner in Nickel Belt Rails publishing company.

His newest book looks at the railway services for and by the nickel-copper mining companies in the Sudbury region of Northern Ontario.

It includes International Nickel (INCO), Falconbridge, Mond, British America and others. There's even an iron mine thrown in.

Railway operations of the CPR, CNR and the Algoma Eastern, as they serviced the mining companies, are also covered in over a century of rail-related history.

Wilson, now a retired high school teacher, has been collecting information for his book for more than 40 years.

The hard cover volume has 176 pages, 16 of them in colour. There are approximately 300 black and white photos and 36 colour images. The book also has 26 maps and diagrams and nine locomotive rosters.

Wilson's book was released about a month ago and several hundred have been sold to date.

The Greater Sudbury Public Library will host a book launch with Wilson at its Main Branch, 74 Mackenzie Street on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 7 pm. Copies of the book will be on sale and Wilson will be autographing copies.

Refreshments will be served.

There are still approximately 2,000 copies of *Sudbury Electrics and Diesels*, which are being sold at The Hobby Shop in the Montrose mall and at the Elm Tree in downtown Sudbury. The book is \$57.99.

Wilson has also written other books including one about the Algoma Central Railways

"I'll probably write another one but I'll wait to see how this one does first," said Wilson.



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**DALE WILSON** will be signing copies of his latest book *Sudbury Electrics and Diesels*, Jan. 31 at 7 pm at the Sudbury Public Library, 74 Mackenzie Street.

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