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For years I'd gone past the Victoria R.E.A.D. Society situated in a house on Linden (Fairfield) and wondered about it. So I finally dropped in on their coordinator **Linda Macrae**, who has the natural social worker's warmth and a firm belief in R.E.A.D.'s activities...

Last Saturday Linda and her colleagues started a pilot project—exam survival courses aimed at high-schoolers. These mini-courses help psyche up students who have trouble

taking exams. But the whole tenor of the place is psychologically-oriented. The main enterprise at R.E.A.D. is obviously to teach people to read (and understand) better, in good part by beefing up their feelings of self-worth...

Remedial specialists work with young people afflicted with dyslexia (literally "painful learning") and also with adults

—some 15 per cent of the contingent—who had troubles in school and remain insecure about their reading skills. Linda, a pleasant talker with a Kermit the Frog in her office, explains that adults who come to her have taken a courageous step by admitting their problem. And the computer and information revolution makes it more necessary than ever to read adeptly...

Last year the place served about 600 people. Those with problems in this area might consider dropping in on Linda and her staff for advice...