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Records New Reading Lists

A COMMUNITY SERVICE

	1952	
		Increase
Population	15,829	574
Membership	7,320	1,425
Book Circulation	98,611	6,996
Number of Books	15,503	2,549
Number of Magazines	61	10
Number of Records	121	77
Per Capita Cost \$1.25		

The Library was a hive of activity all during 1952. Many things were going on of which the above table of statistics does not give any indication. More and more people, group and individuals, realized that the Library was an important part of the town's community services.

ART GALLERY GROUP The Leaside Group of the Art Gallery held its painting classes in the library and four open meetings at which well-known Canadian painters gave demonstrations of their work. The Library cooperated by supplying books on art and related subjects and at one open meeting the librarian talked about books on painting.

ART EXHIBITS Interesting exhibitions of paintings were displayed in the Library - two groups from the Toronto Art Gallery: a collection of prints from the Canadian Etcher Painters and Engravers and water colours and pen and ink sketches by Mr. Robert Finch.

LEASIDE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Garden lovers, too, gathered at the Library when the Leaside Horticultural Society held its meetings here.

MUSIC GROUP In the Spring the Library helped to organize a Music Group which held three successful Sunday evenings of music in the Library.

BABY CLINIC Groups of a more practical nature - the Well-Baby Clinic and the Pre-Matal classes also found the library a central and useful place for their activities.

OTHER GROUPS The Stamp Club and the Photography Class also came to the Library for their meetings. Mr. Reg. Corlett, the photography instructor, loaned us an interesting collection of his pictures.

RECORD LOAN COLLECTION Our special undertaking for 1952 was the addition of a record loan collection, so far, the only one in the Toronto area. This collection contains both 78 and 33-1/3 records, classical, semi-classical and some popular recordings. These may be borrowed on membership cards at a rental of 2 cents per day per record for 78's and 7 cents per day per record for 33-1/3's. This innovation received an enthusiastic response. The collection is growing apace and the record circulation is soaring.

BOYS AND GIRLS ROOM In the Children's Department, the Library suffered a set-back in the loss of our Children's Librarian, Miss Dorothy Morgan, who left for wider fields in Calgary, last September. Up to the Present we have not been able to replace her, but Miss Miller and Mrs. Chapman wholeheartedly took over the Boys and Girls Room and have carried on the work most successfully.

CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR Except for July and August when the Library is closed all day Saturday, the children's story hour was held every Saturday morning, the attendance for the year being 2283. To give variety to this program, movies were shown at Easter, during Young Canada's Book Week and at Christmas time. They were received with enthusiasm and at the Kovember showing the attendance was over three hundred.

SCHOOL VISITS Ten classes from the schools visited the Library in the past year. The grade-8 pupils were invited to the Library in June to be introduced to the Adult Department where there is a special corner for teen-agers.

DOMATIONS We are indebted to the Eighteen Club and to Mr. Harold Miller for donations of records and to Mrs. R. W. Chandler and several other individuals for donations of books. Our appreciation to these benefactors who have demonstrated their live interest in the Library.

A COMMUNITY SERVICE Leaside Library's aim is to give the best in library service. A fine building and an excellent book collection are available for everyone in the town. The staff offers friendly service to all. As one of our young readers, with the incontrovertible logic of childhood, said to her mother who was explaining that the Library belongs to the people of Leaside and is paid for by a percentage of their taxes: "If we pay for it, we might as well use it."

Classes Phonograph Records Reading Lists

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LIBRARY HOURS

Adult Department

2 P.M. to 9 P.M. Monday to Friday Saturday 2 P.M. to 6 P.M.

Boys' & Girls' Department

2 P.M. to 6 P.M. Monday to Friday Saturday 10:30 A.M. to 12:00, 2 P.M. to 6 P.M.

Story Hour for Children 5 to 10 years 10:30 A.M. Saturday

MEMBERSHIP FEE 10 CENTS Out-of-Town Membership \$1.00 per year

RECORD LOAN COLLECTION 7 cents per day per record for 33-1/3's 2 cents per day per record for 78's