

THE LIBRARY'S STORY

1943 The Beginning Housed in a small rented store on Bayview Avenue equipped by amateur carpenters and staffed by volunteers, it completed its first year with 1056 books, 569 members and a circulation of 2584.

1950 A Step Forward The opening of a fine building in Millwood Park was the beginning of its service in many fields. With ample space, a pleasant atmosphere and a professional staff it became a boon to the town. Cultural groups enjoyed its stimulating atmosphere and sought to hold meetings there.

1958 Great Achievements

Prodigious growth made expansion a keen necessity and on November 15th a Wing providing for a boys' and girls' room as well as additional space for other activities, was opened. Now the Library comprises almost 10,000 square feet.

Also, in 1958, a branch library for boys and girls was opened using a portable on the grounds of Northlea School, overcoming the handicap of distance and busy thoroughfares for a part of the town which has a large juvenile population.

COMPARISONS

	Population	Memberships	Books	Circulation
1943	9,000	569 5,18	1,056	2,584
1950	14,807	5,183	12,149	80,541
1958	16,409	8,865	27,923	144,536

72 Periodicals 400 Monaurel Records for Circulation

THE LIBRARY - CULTURAL CENTRE OF LEASIDE

Groups meeting at the Library:

Art Gallery Group of Leaside Leaside Camera Club Leaside Debating Club Leaside Horticultural Society University Women's Club Business and Professional Women's Club

LEASIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Mrs. Eleanor MacAlpine Chief Librarian

Miss Mary Sheridan Librarian in charge of Boys' and Girls' Dept.

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