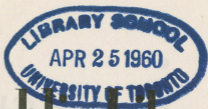
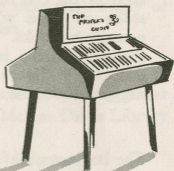


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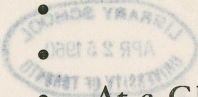


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• At a Glance

The aim of the Leaside Public Library is to touch the lives of everyone in the community. In working towards this end, it has fostered the use of the Library and its services by everyone — from those engaged in serious study to those whose primary interest is related only casually to books. To what extent this policy has affected the membership is not known with certainty, but the membership figure of 9,987 out of a population of 16,000, suggests that it is an effective approach.

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The book stock of 31,000 volumes, good as related to the population, is now being increased at the rate of 3,000 volumes each year.

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The circulation of 155,000 indicates considerable activity, but it does not give a complete picture of the life and spirit that pervade the Library. Its primary purpose is making knowledge, wisdom and the beauty of literature common property. This is never out of view. Also any effort to cultivate the urge to create and develop skills is solidly supported. Space continues to be provided for groups with cultural objectives. These groups, which include the Art Gallery Group of Leaside, the Leaside Camera Club, the Leaside Horticultural Society and the Leaside Debating Society, combine each year with the Library in holding an Art-Hobby Show. The 7th Annual Show attracted over 1,000 visitors in a single afternoon and evening.

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In the Music Department 1,757 records were circulated.

Boys' and Girls' Department

To be sure that all boys and girls learn to use and enjoy the Library, Elementary School Teachers and their classes have been invited to visit during school hours. In response, 189 classes came during the year with many of the young people becoming borrowers.

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A program for the very young includes a Story Hour each Saturday morning at both the McRae Drive Library and the Northlea Branch.

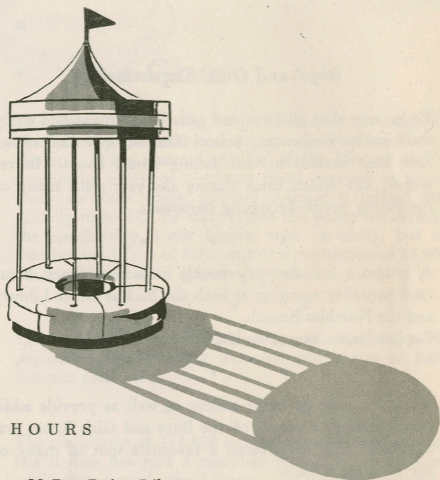
Puppet Shows were a special holiday feature.

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To add a note of make-believe as well as provide additional seating, a corner of the Boys and Girls Room was furnished with a Carousel, a favourite spot of many of the younger readers.

Youth Department

In providing for students every effort has been made to assemble as much material related to their curricula as resources permit, the difficulty being that many need the same thing at the same time. In this Section there are 616 books including five Encyclopaedia, files of pamphlet material and magazines, which have enabled the Librarians to answer over 1500 reference questions, as well as provide recreational reading.



HOURS

McRae Drive Library

Monday through Friday, 2 - 9 p. m.

Saturday, 10.30 a. m. - 6 p. m.

Boys and Girls Department

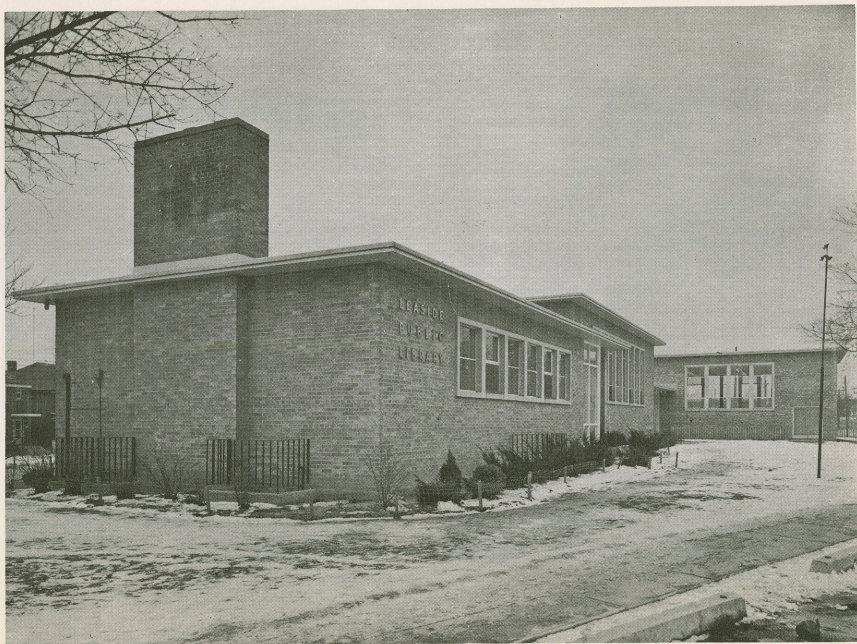
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Northlea Branch

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OUR LIBRARY



BOYS' AND GIRLS' ROOM



ADULT READING ROOM