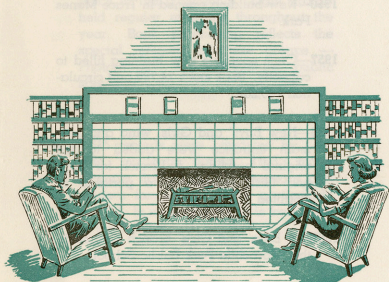


LEASIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY



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ANNUAL REPORT

1963

1943 — 1963

Twenty years of progress

Dec. 8, 1943—The association library opened in a store on Bayview became incorporated as the Leaside Public Library. 569 members, 1,056 books, and 2,184 circulation.

1950—New building opened in Trace Manes Park.

1957—Once spacious new building filled to capacity. Book stock 24,786 and circulation 135,202.

1958—New Boys' and Girls' wing and new main entrance were added to the original building. A branch for Boys and Girls opened in a portable at Northlea Public School.

1961—A Boys' and Girls' branch opened in the Thorncliffe Park Public School.

1962—A Boys' and Girls' branch opened in Rolph Road Public School.

- During 1963, reference work continued in all its variety—from biculturalism to how to make beer; from the altitude of Leaside (in order to set a barometer) to a history of the can opener.
- Readers' advisory service, chiefly in the field of fiction, grows apace, both with the borrowers and over the telephone for shut-ins.

- Books and reading have been promoted by weekly reviews and news articles in the local newspaper; by mailing lists to churches and compiling book lists for distribution at the library, where there are also special displays focussing attention on various subjects of current interest.
- The library serves as a focal meeting place in the community. Eight groups held regular meetings throughout the year. Book purchasing reflects the special interests of these groups — Photography, art, horticulture, public speaking.
- 2,615 records were borrowed by Leaside residents during 1963, many students finding the Shakespeare and modern language records particularly helpful. In music the range is from Bach to the Beatles.
- As a joint project with the Board of Education, working closely with principals and their staffs, the boys and girls are served by the main library and three school branches. Class visits plus work with pre-school groups constitute the most important work of this department, a different program of book talks being planned for each grade. Story hours are held regularly at Main and Northlea. A summer reading program was held, culminating in Young Canada Book Week, with awards and a puppet show.

STATISTICS — 1963

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| Population | 18,850 |
| Total books loaned | 193,367 |
| Boys' and Girls' Dept. | 74,721 |
| Records loaned | 2,615 |
| Total membership | 10,418 |
| Adult | 7,083 |
| Boys and girls | 3,335 |
| Total bookstock | 43,536 |
| Adult | 21,235 |
| Boys and girls | 22,301 |
| Class visits | 497 |
| Pre-school groups | 92 |



HOURS

MAIN LIBRARY:

165 McRae Drive — Leaside, Ont.

Adult—12 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 Monday to Friday
 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Saturday.

Boys and Girls—
 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Monday to Friday
 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Saturday.

NORTHLEA BRANCH:

2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Monday to Friday
 10 a.m. to 12 noon —
 2 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday.

ROLPH ROAD BRANCH:

2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

THORNCLIFFE BRANCH:

2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Thursday.