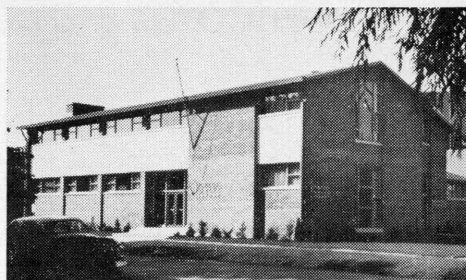


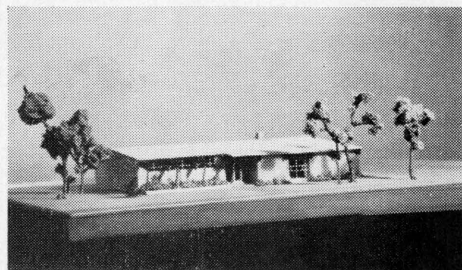
Etobicoke Public Library



MAIN LIBRARY Brentwood Rd.



HUMBER BAY LIBRARY, Park Lawn Rd.



Model of ALDERWOOD LIBRARY, Horner Ave.
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BOOKMOBILE

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A Report On An Expanding Library Service

BOOKS

More people borrowed more books from the Etobicoke libraries than in any year so far. 24,700 individuals were registered members and took home 312,282 books, 2,785 periodicals and 538 pamphlets. More people, both adults and children, began to use the libraries for reference service. To help meet these needs, 13,000 new books were added to the library's collection.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' DEPARTMENT

Boys and girls continued to flock to the libraries and took home with them 158,673 books. A story-hour on Saturday and picture book hour on Tuesday were regular features at the main library. With the co-operation of public school teachers remedial reading lists were prepared for the first four grades. Class visits from nearby schools were also made regularly to both Main Library and Humber Bay.

Young Canada's Book Week was publicized as widely as possible, and special displays were arranged both in the libraries and in a store window on Bloor Street.

BOOKMOBILE

The Bookmobile continues to try to bring books to all those not close to the libraries. With additional staff it was possible to add four more stops to its schedule in November and resulting circulation proved that they met a need.

HUMBER BAY BRANCH LIBRARY

The efforts of the branch libraries to serve its community were somewhat frustrated during most of the year. Because of road and bridge construction the library was almost isolated from its borrowing public. By the end of the year the bridge was built and a beautifully paved road offered easy access to the library.

MAIN LIBRARY

A steady upward climb in the use of books, and an increase in other library activities marked our first full year in the new Main Library building. A Great Books Leadership Training Course was held in the spring, from which two Great Books courses developed, one meeting regularly in the library. A book review group and a junior stamp club also had monthly meetings there. Visitors from as far away as Vancouver and as close as Toronto came to view the new library as a help in their own building plans.

BOOKLISTS AND TALKS

Members of the library staff spoke to many community groups on books and library services and booklists were prepared for several of them.

DONATIONS

An attractive book plate was made to be used in books donated to the library. The Etobicoke Horticultural Society presented \$200.00 to the library which was used to add books to the gardening section: several individuals presented books to the library in memory of friends.

AND IN THE FUTURE

It is confidently expected that the Alderwood library will be open for service in the fall of 1957. Other branches will be necessary in the future and sites are being secured for them. With the opening of the Alderwood branch, the bookmobile timetable can be changed again and reach newer areas in the township. It is hoped that a start can also be made on enlarging the Humber Bay Library which was built when estimates of future population were much too conservative.

In addition to increased facilities it is also hoped to extend the library services, particularly at the main library, where it is planned to begin both a record collection and film service, and to improve and enlarge the reference service by the provision of more material and additional staff.

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