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Annual Report

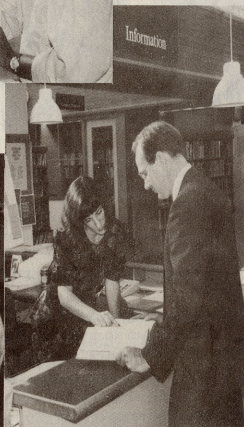
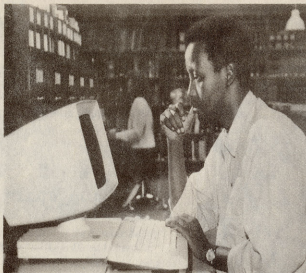
1991

Message From The Chief Executive Officer

During 1991 the Etobicoke Public Libraries continued to implement the steps required to fulfill the Etobicoke Public Library Board's Statement of Intent. EPL's principle objectives are **to be perceived as an information agent for the residents and the businesses of the City of Etobicoke and to function as an effective source of support for the individual's use of leisure time.**

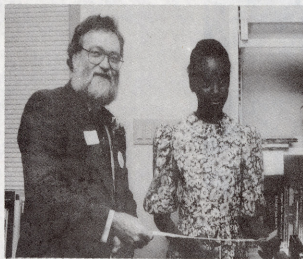
The hard work and determination of the Board members and the staff of the Libraries have once again resulted in record breaking use of both the collections and the public library services available to the users of EPL. It is this dedication, and the continued attention given to the needs of our public that has resulted in the achievements outlined in this report.

— Jennifer Milne



New Northern Elms Library A Big Hit With Community

The Etobicoke Public Library Board officially opened the Northern Elms Library, the twelfth public library in Etobicoke, on October 17. This new branch is the first Etobicoke plaza library in nearly 20 years.



Mr. David Dunn, (left), Chairman of the Citizen Advisory Committee with "Name Your Library Contest" winner Sheryl-Ann Simpson at the opening ceremonies for Northern Elms Library.

To find a name for the new library, the Citizen Advisory Group and the Library Board sponsored a "Name Your New Library" contest for residents of the Elms Rexdale community. A total of 67 names were entered. Thirteen-year-old Sheryl-Ann Simpson submitted the winning entry of "Northern Elms".

Etobicoke architect Bruce Stratton created the interior design for the 2,400 square foot plaza branch. The design submission received an honourable mention in the City of Etobicoke's Urban Design Competition.

The library is located in the Rexdale Plaza, 2267 Islington Avenue, just north of Hwy. 401.

Rexdale Library Re-opens

Rexdale Library underwent a refurbishment in 1991 and was temporarily closed for approximately six weeks.

This was phase II of a two year plan and included a new circulation desk, furniture, flooring and painting. Phase I had included a mechanical retrofit.

The completion of the Rexdale capital project will allow the 33 year old branch to continue to serve its customers more efficiently and effectively.

An official re-opening celebration was held on October 5 for the community to view the beautiful renewed Rexdale Library.



The Honourable Richard Allen, Minister of Colleges and Universities, presents the Angus Mowat Award for Innovative Librarianship to Mr. David Young, (left), Vice-Chairman of the Library Board, Maureen O'Reilly, Research Librarian and Tracy Shea-Porter, Publicity Officer.

Etobicoke Public Library Board Wins Angus Mowat Award of Merit

The prestigious *Angus Mowat Award of Merit* was awarded to the Etobicoke Public Library Board for its Council Awareness Programme.

Minister of Culture and Communications, The Honourable Karen Haslam, announced the recipients of the Innovative Librarianship Award at a reception to launch Ontario Public Library Week, October 15 to 21.

An innovative approach to creating a productive relationship between City Hall and the library system was developed through a Council Awareness Programme. One of the six elements of the programme was a Key Person Survey that assessed the information needs of the Mayor, members of Council, senior municipal staff and front-line staff of the City of Etobicoke.

Rotary Club Donates New Van to Extension Services

Etobicoke Public Libraries and the Rotary Club-Rexdale Chapter proudly launched a new public service van in October 1991.

The van delivers books and books on tape to Etobicoke residents who are unable to leave their homes due to age, illness or physical limitation. Deliveries are made to over 200 home-bound individuals every three weeks.

In addition, many customers receive service through deposit collections at seniors' residences, hospitals and nursing homes. The van is equipped with a lift that allows for transportation of book trucks to these locations.

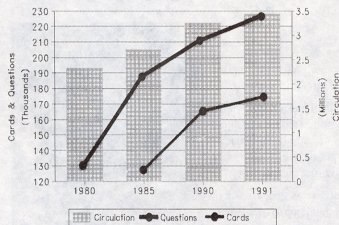
The new van was donated by the Rotary Club-Rexdale Chapter. Chapter President Gaston Bottero was instrumental in obtaining the support necessary to replace the existing 15 year old van with the new \$20,000 vehicle.



Gaston Bottero (left), President of the Rexdale Rotary Club, hands up a bag of books to David Robertson, Etobicoke Public Library Board Chairman, and Tracy Shea-Porter, Publicity Officer. Mr Bottero and David Chan (right), Past President of the Rexdale Rotary Club were on hand to donate the \$20,000 van.

The Etobicoke Public Libraries' logo and phone number as well as the Rotary Club logo are featured on the van.

Etobicoke Public Libraries 1991 Activity



In 1991 the public borrowed over 3.5 million items from the Etobicoke Public Libraries, making them, on a per capita basis, the busiest public library service in Metropolitan Toronto. In the last 11 years, use of EPL has increased by 47.8% and in the past six years, the number of cardholders has increased by 36.5%. However, the big story is that in 11 years the use of the Etobicoke Public Libraries, as an information resource, has increased by a whopping 73.4%!

Financial Report

Statement of Operations Revenue Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 1991

Revenues:

City of Etobicoke	\$11,669,060
Grants	883,107
Library Revenue	548,922
Appropriation -Reserves ...	128,023
Prior Year's Surplus	171,243
	\$13,400,355

Expenditures:

Staff Costs	\$ 8,863,575
Library Materials	2,248,638
Building, Services & Other ...	1,893,100
Debenture Costs	224,944
Year End Surplus	170,098
	\$13,400,355

Etobicoke Public Library Board — 1991

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown
Mr. Joseph Connell
Mr. Tom Driedger
Councillor John Hastings
Councillor Mary Huffman
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby
Mrs. Agnes Potts
Councillor David Robertson - Chairman
Mr. David Young - Vice-Chairman

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Etobicoke Authors' Night — Celebrating the Creative Spirit



Children's author Sonja Dunn shows off her "story" outfit during the Etobicoke Authors' Night celebration.

Over 25 authors gathered at Richview (Central) Library on October 16 to celebrate the creative spirit in Etobicoke and to discuss their work with library customers.

Billy Harris, former Toronto Maple Leaf and author of *The Glory Years*; Joseph Kertes, winner of the 1991 Stephen Leacock Award for Humour for his novel *Winter Tulips*; children's authors Sonja Dunn, Linda Granfield, Joan Harris, Nancy Hazbry and many more were part of the event.

A signed copy of each author's book of choice was purchased for the Etobicoke Public Libraries' collection.

Significant Achievements in 1991

- **3,437,178 items** were borrowed in 1991... a 5.87% increase over 1990, our previous record-breaking year!
- **228,315 questions** were answered.
- **68,872 people** attended over 2,979 programmes.
- Circulation per capita was **11.34 items** — the **highest in Metropolitan Toronto** for the 6th consecutive year!

Your Libraries Offer...

- 621,113 books
- 62,774 microforms
- 41,461 tapes
- 7,132 compact discs
- 7,032 video cassettes
- 6,306 talking books
- 3,625 filmstrips and kits
- 2,524 magazine subscriptions
- 1,509 maps
- 640 art prints



Etobicoke Public Libraries Participate in the Economic Development Forum

The Etobicoke Economic Development Forum was held in October and the Libraries were one of the many exhibitors. The forum was the first of its kind to be held in Etobicoke.

Etobicoke Public Libraries featured an interactive display that presented the many services and resources offered to the business community.

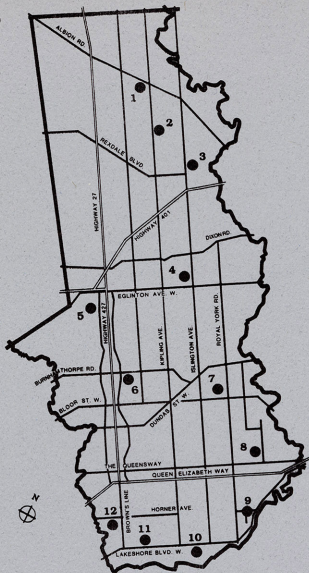
The current nature of the Libraries' information resources, especially those available by means of CD-ROM, was the attraction to the business person.



Staff demonstrate library services to business people at the Etobicoke Business Forum.

Etobicoke Public Libraries

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| 1 Albion Library
1515 Albion Road
B. Willoughby, Area Director
I. Abbott, Branch Manager | 394-5170 |
| 2 Rexdale Library
2243 Kipling Avenue
P. L'Abbe, Branch Manager | 394-5200 |
| 3 Northern Elms Library
Rexdale Plaza
2267 Islington Avenue
M. Patrick, Branch Supervisor | 394-5230 |
| 4 Richview (Central) Library
1806 Islington Avenue
C. Stewart, Area Director
G. Andrews, Branch Manager
Extension Services
Bookmobile and Shut-in Service
V. Van Vliet, Department Manager | 394-5120 |
| 5 Elmbrook Park Library
2 Elmbrook Crescent
M. Rice, Branch Manager | 394-5138 |
| 6 Eatonville Library
430 Burnhamthorpe Road
M. Clarke, Branch Manager | 394-5290 |
| 7 Brentwood Library
36 Brentwood Road North
J. Paisley, Area Director
P. Moffet, Branch Manager | 394-5270 |
| 8 Humber Bay Library
200 Park Lawn Road
M. Bruce, Branch Supervisor | 394-5240 |
| 9 Mimico Centennial Library
47 Station Road
L. North, Area Director
M. Boyd, Branch Manager | 394-5300 |
| 10 New Toronto Library
110 Eleventh Street
S. Wilbur, Branch Manager | 394-5330 |
| 11 Long Branch Library
3500 Lakeshore Blvd. West
B. Crandall, Branch Manager | 394-5350 |
| 12 Alderwood Library
525 Horner Avenue
B. Stephenson, Branch Manager | 394-5320 |
| | 394-5310 |



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