

"TO LIVE EFFECTIVELY IS TO LIVE WITH ADEQUATE INFORMATION."★



THE CITY OF YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY 1990

ANNUAL REPORT



CHAIRMAN'S

MESSAGE

In 1990, the City of York Public Library was affected by provincial and federal legislation on the broader public sector. Bill 154, An Act to provide for Pay Equity, required the library to devise, post and implement a plan to ensure its employees equal pay for work of equal value. In many cases, this has led to fair and just increases in salaries for library employees. Bill 49, the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, grants the public the right of access to records held by institutions limited only by specific exemptions, while it protects the privacy of personal information held by institutions. Individuals have the right of access to their own personal information and can request correction of erroneous information. The federal government's Goods and Services Tax has increased the financial burden on public libraries in a time of overall restraint. The savings due to the removal of the Federal Sales Tax on manufactured goods is expected to be small, while the GST will be applied to almost all purchases that the library makes. For the first time, books and magazine subscriptions will be subject to a sales tax.

In April, the draft of the proposed Ontario Public Library Strategic Plan was released at public meetings held in public libraries across the province. The Strategic Planning Group invited responses from the public library community. The City of York Public Library Board discussed the draft version in May and submitted a detailed response to the Strategic Plan. In its response, the Library Board affirmed its commitment to an independent board of trustees as the best way to govern public libraries in Ontario.



Mayor Fergus Brown answers questions from elementary school children attending a special library program 'How the City is Run'.

As Chairman of the Library Board, I take pleasure in expressing my appreciation for the valuable contribution made by the standing committees of the Library Board. The Finance Committee was responsible for reviewing and submitting the library's capital and current budgets to Council for approval. The Buildings and Property Committee ensured that library facilities were properly maintained. The Public Relations Committee was active in promoting library services in the community. Lastly, I would like to thank the staff of the City of York Public Library and the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Bohus Derer, for providing a first-rate library service to residents of the City of York.

Frank Lambert
Chairman

STATISTICS

REVENUE

Municipal Grant	3,274,118
Provincial Grant	402,422
Other	209,012
Total	3,885,552

EXPENDITURES

Staff	2,948,689
Library Materials	154,748
Plant and Equipment	45,118
Capital	213,956
Other Operating Costs	523,018
Total	3,885,529

POPULATION 131,537

ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION

Books:	
English	355,435
French	5,507
Other Languages	34,222
Paperbacks	65,085
Art Prints/Posters	418
Periodicals	307
Records, Cassettes, CD's	25,859
Videotapes	6,030
Microforms	7,188
Films	1,244
Software	3,455
Toys	1,150
Total	505,900

YOU BORROWED

Books, Periodicals, Pamphlets	769,946
Toys	8,399
Talking Books	8,704
Art Prints	1,682
Records, Cassettes, CD's	47,368
Videotapes	300,503
Films	6,505
Software	16,218
Total	1,159,325

★ Norbert Wiener, *The Human Use of Human Beings* (1954).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S

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In 1990, the City of York Public Library enjoyed one of its most successful years since it began operation in 1945.

Total circulation surpassed the one million figure, ending the year at 1,159,325, an increase of 16.9% over 1989. Significant growth was recorded in the circulation of books, which increased by 10.5% to 769,946; videotapes, which increased by 43.8% to 300,503; and compact discs, which nearly tripled from 4,100 to 11,953.

Both regular and special programs attracted many people to the library in 1990. Pre-school children attended weekly programs for tots and pre-school storytimes at the branches, as well as the annual Cookie Monster Challenge on January 27 and Bear Week from



February 20 to 24. School-age children enjoyed regular programs on Saturday afternoons and during the March and Christmas breaks and summer vacation. Special programs for school-age children included National Book Week, Public Library Week and Children's Book Festival. During the school year, each branch received regular class visits from nearby schools. Regular programs for adults included books over coffee, computer clubs, film nights, seniors' programs and small business seminars. Special programs for adults featured composting, financial planning, income tax clinics, life insurance, the new home market, retirement planning and many others.

The popular series of programs on "How the City is Run" continued in 1990. Participating in this year's series were Mayor Fergus Brown, Aldermen Bob McLean, Ben Nobleman, Frances Nunziata and Bill Saunderson, City Manager Bill Stockwell, Commissioner of Finance Lorne Hampson, and John Payne of the City of York Fire Department. In addition, Metro Chairman Alan Tonks spoke to several school classes about the Metropolitan Toronto government.

Many multicultural programs were offered in 1990, including Chinese films at the Main Library, Polish Film Night

Frank Lambert,
Chairman of the
Library Board talks
to elementary
school children at
the Main Library
in the program
'How the City is
Run.'

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► and Polish Language Story Time and Vietnamese films at the Jane-Dundas Branch. This year's Multicultural Evening was a great success and attended by the Hon. Rosario Marchese, Minister of Culture and Communications, who commended the City of York Public Library for its commitment to serving Canada's multicultural population.

Outreach programs were again used to enhance the library's image in the community. These included a display at the Westside Mall during Education Week and Literacy Week, a booth sponsored by the Public Libraries of Metropolitan Toronto at the Good Age Show, a display at the Municipal Offices on Environment Day, and the Canada Day celebrations at Coronation Park.

Effective public relations ensured that library programs and services were well publicized. Fall and winter program brochures and summer program calendars were produced for each branch. Flyers, posters and bookmarks were used to advertise library programs. A special "Green Theme" bibliography promoted awareness of environmental issues. The Toronto Star, Kids Toronto and Bloor West Villager printed notices of programs. Radio stations CFRB, CHUM, CJRT and Q107 and Graham Cable aired public service announcements.

A milestone was reached in the automation of library services when a contract was signed in June with Dynix Library Systems, Inc. to install an automated library system. Much of the second half of 1990 was devoted to preparing for the automated system. In 1991, the online public access catalogue will be available at all

branches and circulation control will be implemented branch by branch.

In concluding this report, I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. Frank Lambert, Chairman, and to the members of the Library Board for their continuing guidance and support during the past year and to the staff of the City of York Public Library for their efforts to provide the public with the best library service they can.

Bohus Derer
Chief Executive Officer




Michael Blake,
Academy Award
winning author of
Dances With Wolves
talks with Runnymede Collegiate
students at the
Jane-Dundas Branch.



LOCATIONS



 Access for handicapped, includes elevators (where necessary) and washrooms.



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1745 Eglinton Avenue West
City of York, Ont. M6E 2H4
394-1000
2. **EVELYN GREGORY BRANCH**
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