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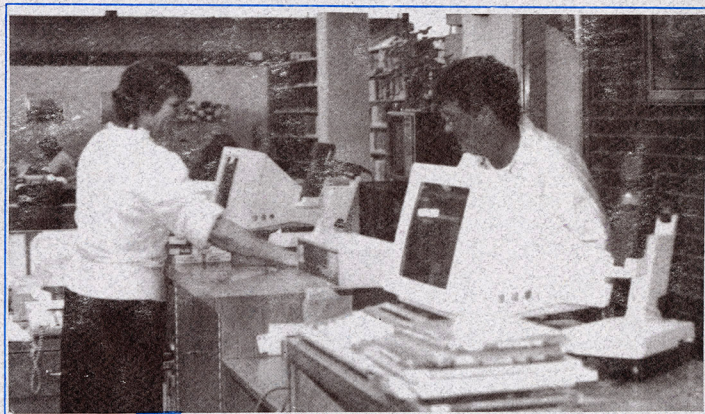


1991. Annual. Report

Chairman's

M E S S A G E

The City of York Public Library Board is dedicated to serving the best interests of the citizens of the City of York. The Library Board has striven to provide the highest level of service to the greatest number of people in the most cost effective manner. The success of the Library Board in attaining its goal can be seen in the annual statistics which reveal that more people are making use of the library's services than ever before. At the same time, the City of York Public Library costs the taxpayers of the City of York less to operate per capita than other library systems in Metro Toronto.



Automation allows staff and patrons to access library materials more effectively.

The City of York Public Library has been an active and visible presence in the community through promotion of library services, outreach programs, and participation in co-operative events. The role of the library in the community has been the focus of the Library Board's attention. The Board has begun plans to improve library facilities in the eastern part of the City of York through a capital building program. By responding effectively to community needs, the Library Board will ensure that future growth will be sustained.

None of the many challenges facing public libraries today could be met without a concerned body of trustees willing to take a stand on issues and a dedicated library staff providing quality service to the public. To both groups I offer my sincere thanks for their contributions to the success of the City of York Public Library.

Frank Lambert,
Chairman



Chief Executive Officer's

M E S S A G E

In 1991, the City of York Public Library entered a new era of automated library services.

After many years of planning, evaluation, negotiation and preparation, automation of library services became a reality in 1991. In March, the online public access catalogue went live at all branches replacing the old microfiche catalogues. In May and June, automated circulation was implemented branch by branch. Thanks to automation, staff will have access to information on library usage and be able to manage the library's resources more effectively.

Overall library use showed continued growth in 1991. Circulation reached an all-time high of 1,186,225, an increase of 2.3% over 1990, which was itself a record-setting year. The number of registered borrowers increased by 4.0% to 38,523, and the number of reference questions answered by 4.9% to 60,165.

Each branch offered a wide variety of programs for children and adults. Regular children's programs included tales for toddlers, pre-school storytime, school-age activities, crafts, puppet club and library bingo. Some of the many children's specials were the Cookie Monster Challenge on January 26, Bear Week from February 19 to 23, National Book Festival Week from April 20 to 27, and Canadian Children's Book Week from November 2 to 9. Each branch had class visits from local schools throughout the school year. During the spring and Christmas breaks and summer holidays, daily programs were offered for school-age children. Regular adult programs consisted of books over coffee, computer clubs, crafts, import/export seminars, films and seniors' social. Specials for adults featured programs on childhood diseases, clothes making, finance, foot care, genealogy, home improvement, income tax clinics, oriental carpets, retirement planning, streetproofing, stress management, Neighbourhood Watch, Seniors' Health Day, a WordPerfect course, and many more. There were special exhibits, "Six Months in the City of York" by artist Joanne Bockna, a Pinocchio exhibit, and a Norman Bethune exhibit at the branches.

The summer reading club participants at Weston Branch.



Multicultural programs offered at the library in 1991 consisted of Chinese films and automobile maintenance in Chinese at the Main Library and Polish storytime and a Polish art contest at the Jane-Dundas Branch. The twelfth annual Multicultural Evening held at the Main Library on October 17 was another great success.

Outreach programs were used to promote awareness of library services in the community. Library staff participated in a reading workshop at George Syme Community School on March 7, an open house at Runnymede Collegiate, the Fun Fair Day at Keelesdale Park, a ratepayers fair at Silverthorn Public School on September 21, Community Information Day at the Adult Day School on October 25, and the Weston Santa Claus Parade on November 30.

The Public Relations Department promoted library programs and services by effective publicity. Fall and winter brochures and summer calendars were produced for the branches. Posters, flyers and bookmarks were used to advertise library programs. A "Green" Theme bibliography highlighted materials on the environment. The Bloor West Villager and The New Times newspaper printed notices of programs and radio stations CJCL 1430 and Q107 broadcast public service announcements for the library.

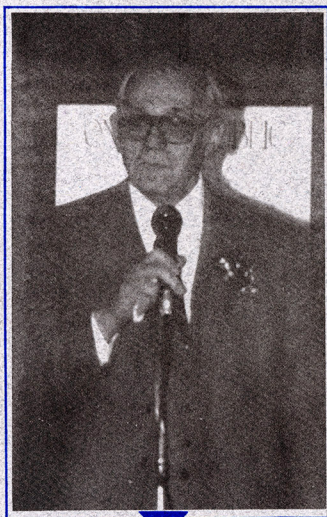
The Library Board was successful in obtaining two library project grants from the Ministry of Culture and Communications. In February, it received a grant of \$10,000 to assist with the purchase of multilingual, literacy and environment materials. In November, it received another grant of \$10,000 to assist with the purchase of CD-ROM workstations and software for the branches.

I would like to express my appreciation to Frank Lambert, Chairman, and the members of the Library Board for their steadfast support and encouragement during the year and to the staff of the City of York Public Library for their exceptional efforts in providing library service to residents of the City of York.

Bohus Derer,
Chief Executive Officer



Statistics



Frank Lambert, Library Board Chairman, welcomes guests to Multicultural Evening.

REVENUE

Municipal Grant	3,815,041
Provincial Grant	439,182
Other	103,667
Total	4,357,890

EXPENDITURES

Staff	3,030,607
Library Materials	300,537
Plant and Equipment	159,845
Capital	219,951
Other Operating Costs	646,924
Total	4,357,864

POPULATION 132,518

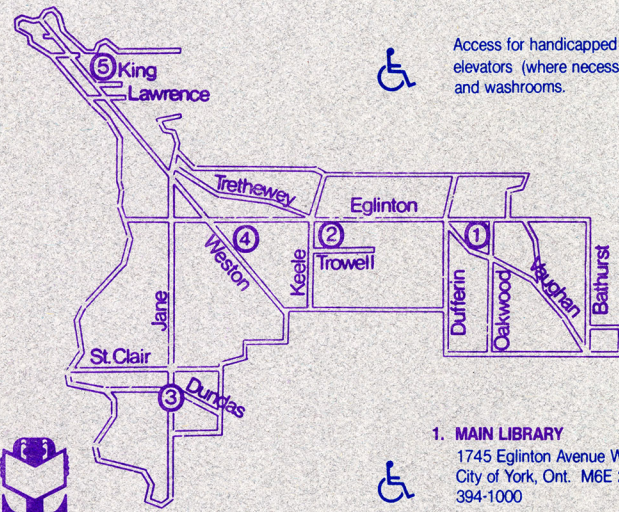
ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION

Books	353,947
English	5,591
French	34,396
Other Languages	63,242
Paperbacks	409
Art Prints/Posters	305
Periodicals	26,236
Records, Cassettes, CD's	6,503
Videotapes	7,188
Microforms	1,218
Films	3,482
Software	1,174
Toys	503,691
Total	503,691

YOU BORROWED

Books, Periodicals, Pamphlets	770,793
Toys	7,414
Talking Books	11,054
Art Prints	1,110
Records, Cassettes, CD's	38,960
Videotapes	337,104
Films	6,248
Software	13,542
Total	1,186,225

Locations



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



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