

OAKWOOD VILLAGE LIBRARY AND ARTS CENTRE

Annual Report 1997



The City of York Public Library

Looking Back

The York Public Library Board was formed in 1945. A rented space with 6,000 volumes formed the nucleus of the new Township Library in the Mt. Dennis area. In 1946, a second library acquired rented quarters at Oakwood Avenue and Vaughan Road. York Library was proud to purchase the first "made to order" bookmobile in Ontario and began bookmobile service for residents in 1948. In 1951, the board opened three new library buildings: Main Library, Jane Street Branch and Mt. Dennis Branch. Over the six years between 1945 and 1951 the book collection grew from 6,000 volumes in one rented library and 2,000 volumes in the second rented location to 40,000 volumes in three libraries and one bookmobile. An addition was built to the Main Library in 1964.

When the Township of York and the Town of Weston amalgamated to form the Borough of York in 1967 the Library Board acquired the Weston Library.

This library first operated in 1858 as the Weston Mechanics' Institute and reorganized in 1885 to occupy two rooms at the rear of the Weston Town Hall. In 1911, the Weston Library Board requested \$10,000 from the Carnegie Corporation to build the new Weston Library which opened December 31, 1914.

The Evelyn Gregory Library, named after the retiring first Chief Librarian, opened in 1968.

1972 marked the beginning of the Mobile Library Service which provided library materials to residents unable to visit the library due to illness or disabilities.

When the new Jane-Dundas Library opened in 1975, the Jane Street branch building became the offices for the library's Technical Services Department.

An expanded and renovated Weston Library which preserved the original Carnegie building reopened in 1982. A new Mt. Dennis Library officially opened on September 28, 1985.

1997 Highlights

Evelyn Gregory Branch partnered with several other community agencies in an innovative day care pilot project offered at Keeleleale Junior Public School starting in September.

The Castle Quest Summer Reading Club was a hit with children. The club, supported by the TD Bank Financial Group, was offered in the Cities of York and Toronto.

After 23 years as CEO, Bohus Derer retired at the end of August.



The Main Library was renamed the Maria A. Shchuka Library on Saturday, October 18. The renaming commemorates the devotion and enthusiasm of the former branch head for her work and her creative spirit which inspired all who knew her.

The Oakwood Village Festival of the Arts marked the grand opening of the Oakwood Village Library and Arts Centre on September 27. The library recorded 6,000 visits during the day as people came to see the branch and the 12 different events which were held in the library - storytellers, author readings, dance performances, batik workshops and community artists showcasing their works. The arts are an integral part of the library which contains a theatre space, visual arts display cases and a gallery wall as well as a collection that focuses on the arts.

In September, an Anniversary Fundraiser was held to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the renovation and extension of Weston Branch.

During September and October, the library participated in a Metrowide campaign to promote awareness of the theft and vandalism of library materials.

"Fill in the Blanks", a fundraising campaign, kicked off in November to raise funds for library materials.

In the latter half of the year, staff were involved in meetings concerned with the amalgamation of the seven Toronto libraries into one library system.

As of January 1, 1998 the City of York Public Library became part of the new amalgamated Toronto Public Library.



Statistics

ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION

Books:

English	289,801
French	5,410
Other Languages	14,331
Periodicals	20,114
Sub-Total	329,656

Audio Visual:

Art Prints	15
Cassettes, CD's, Audio Kits	15,185
Films	1,600
Software	2,250
Talking Books	4,728
Toys	1,268
Videos	13,575
Sub-Total	38,621

Total 368,277

YOU BORROWED

Books:

English	
French	
Other Languages	
Periodicals	
Sub-Total	945,327

Audio Visual:

Art Prints	170
Cassettes, CD's, Audio Kits	84,281
Films	3,099
Software	8,906
Talking Books	7,059
Toys	17,017
Videos	291,871
Sub-Total	412,403

Total 1,357,730

REVENUE

Municipal Grant	3,426,624
Provincial Grant	254,024
Other	186,052

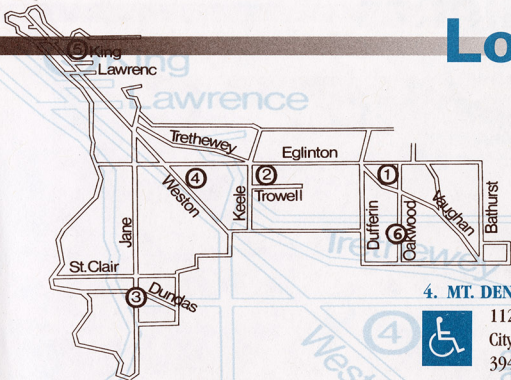
Total 3,866,700

EXPENDITURES

Staff	3,204,475
Library Materials	216,419
Plant & Equipment	48,595
Other	397,200

Total 3,866,689

Locations



1. MARIA A. SHCHUKA LIBRARY



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

2. EVELYN GREGORY BRANCH



120 Trowell Avenue
City of York, Ont. M6M 1L7
394-1006

3. JANE-DUNDAS BRANCH



620 Jane Street
City of York,
Ont. M6S 4A6
394-1014

4. MT. DENNIS BRANCH



1123 Weston Road
City of York, Ont. M6N 3S3
394-1008

5. WESTON BRANCH



2 King Street
City of York, Ont. M9N 1K9
394-1016

6. OAKWOOD VILLAGE LIBRARY & ARTS CENTRE



341 Oakwood Avenue
City of York, Ont. M6E 2W1
394-1040

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