

# YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT 1976





In reviewing the activities of the year 1976, it is apparent that York Public Library has made a great impact upon the public. Many fine programs were presented in our auditorium and meeting rooms. One of the best attended, a Caribbean Festival held in the fall, drew a huge audience which filled the auditorium to overflowing. Circulation of books and other resources increased considerably as a result of these and other efforts.

The Director, Mr. Bohus Derer, is to be commended for his ability to plan and carry out the various aspects of our library service to meet the budget restraints. The staff, with their unflinching courtesy and professional competence, provided excellent service to the public. For the success of our endeavours, I also thank the members of the Library Board who gave so freely of their time and energy. It has been my pleasure to be Chairman this year.

Cecilia Dineen  
Chairman

You're never too young to include the library as part of your lifestyle.



During 1976, York Public Library played an important role in the cultural life of residents of the Borough of York. Patrons of all ages, educational levels and cultural backgrounds found what they were seeking in the extensive collection of books, magazines, pamphlets, films, records and cassettes at five branch locations. The public, especially pleased with the greater selection of popular paperbacks and records, used the library more frequently. Circulation of books and records rose by 8% and film use increased by 27%. Patrons viewed art exhibits, learned handicrafts, discussed books, enjoyed film shows, and explored topics of current interest from backpacking to understanding teens.

More young people than ever visited the library. The number of class visits from day care centres and nursery, Public and Separate schools increased. Children discovered that the library is a place to hear stories, make puppets, stage puppet plays, view live theatre and participate in crafts, games and songs.

York Public Library co-operated with many other community agencies to provide convenient facilities for such practical programs as parent education and prenatal instruction, conducted by the Borough's Public Health nurses. As well, two of Humber College's credit courses were held on library premises. A Caribbean Festival, which attracted over 300 people, was co-sponsored by York Information Centre, with funding from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

Many other special events were arranged. Staff helped

organize the community-wide York Women's Day and, for the first time, the library participated in the Borough's annual "Yorkfest" festival.

Outreach programs at local schools, churches and synagogues informed the public of library resources and activities. An increased number of very appreciative house-bound residents continued to receive visits, reading material and talking books from the Mobile Library Service. Program brochures, flyers, bookmarks and posters were available at all branches and public service announcements were heard and seen on radio and television and in newspapers.

Due to this year's stringent budget, York Public Library regrettably curtailed its scheduled hours of service to the public, with all locations closing Friday evenings throughout the year and the Main Library discontinuing Sunday opening.

1976 was one of significant achievement in which services were closely scrutinized and actively shaped to better serve the community. This is an ongoing process which, in 1977, will see the introduction of computer technology upgrading many aspects of library service.

I wish to thank the Chairman and members of the Library Board for their encouragement and support and the staff for their able assistance throughout this year.

Mr. Bohus Derer, JUDr., B.L.S.,  
Chief Librarian.

#### HOLDINGS

Book stock	290,062
Audio-visual materials	18,750

#### HOW YOU USED YOUR LIBRARY IN 1976

Books, periodicals, pamphlets borrowed	537,322
Records and films borrowed	41,224
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>599,189</b>

#### YOUR LIBRARY RECEIVED ...

Municipal grant	975,039.00
Provincial grant	238,313.00
Other	53,124.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,266,476.33</b>

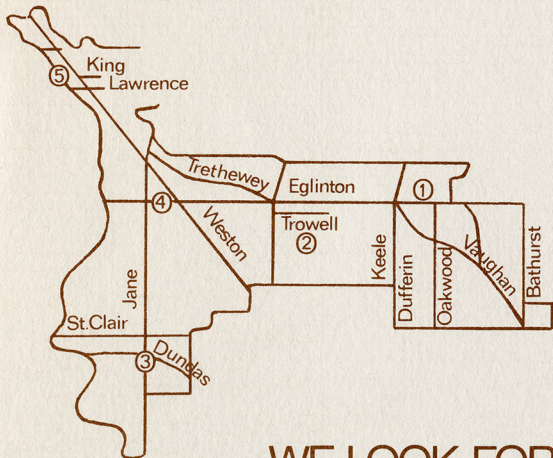
#### AND SPENT FOR OPERATIONS

Salaries and staff benefits	775,271.00
Library materials	213,189.00
Other operating costs	166,767.04
Capital	111,247.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,266,476.33</b>

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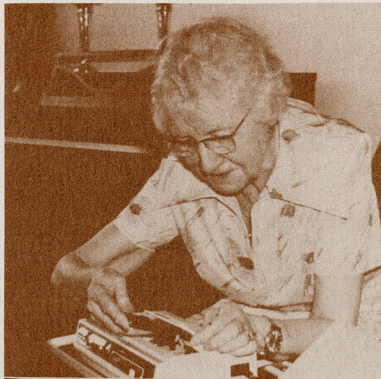
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