

# YORK PUBLIC LIBRARIES



annual report 1978

# Chairman's Message

Your Public Library Board has been pleased to note the increased circulation of books, films, records, cassettes and other library materials during 1978. While this is undoubtedly due in part to the fact that we have been able to increase the supply of these resources, it is also because our staff are doing their utmost to make the public aware of the materials that are available. Commencing September 5 the Main Library was opened to the public at 9:00 a.m. each morning and in 1979 all branches will be open at that time. We believe that this will make it more convenient for many citizens to visit the library in their neighbourhood.

During 1978 the facilities at Main, Mount Dennis and Evelyn Gregory have been upgraded. You will note, from the Director's report, that this was financially possible, in large measure, because of grants received from Wintario. The Toy Library in the Jane-Dundas Branch has also been expanded through similar grants.

A major objective of your Library Board in 1978 was to provide more adequate library facilities in Weston and to have such facilities available before the end of the year. Unfortunately, however, we have again run into a number of road blocks that have prevented us from accomplishing this objective.

On behalf of all members of the Library Board I would like to thank our Director and the members of his staff for their imaginative and responsible approach to their work and for their continued support during 1978.

C. Douglas Cuthbert  
Chairman

# Director's Message

In 1978, we made important strides toward our constant goal of providing you, our community, with better, more efficient service.

We made needed physical improvements to some of the local branches. The Library Board approved a long overdue major renovation for the Main Branch which made the library a more comfortable, more convenient and more organized place to visit. Families find the new arrangement much easier to use. The Children's Department is alongside the Adult Department and both are accessible through the Main entrance. Patrons with physical handicaps now discover that they have access to the entire range of library resources and activities. This is due to the newly-installed ramp, elevator and washroom facilities, especially for them, built with the Wintario funds so generously provided by the Ministry of Culture and Recreation. The entire community enjoys the carpeted, more spacious environment and the improved better-organized collections. We are pleased with the results.

We are constantly improving, enlarging and updating the materials we collect for you, so that everyone from the sports enthusiast to the scholar usually finds what he or she wants. Popular paperbacks, multiple copies of best sellers, long-playing records and even the Top 30 Chum hit records are among the items we gather and process as quickly as possible to provide you with the latest resources at the earliest possible moment. You'll find everything from a West Indian Collection of books in a special section at the Main Library to a Toy Library at the Jane-Dundas Branch. This Toy Library or "Take-Home Toys" service, as we call it, has added many more exciting, educational toys and games this year through the continued support of the Etobicoke Runnymede Lions Club and Wintario. We are pleased to be able to provide these important services.

You, our community, were so enthusiastic about our program offerings that we have been encouraged to add a greater variety for patrons of all ages. Many of you will remember attending and enjoying lectures on antique collecting or making wills, courses on self-improvement, and puppet shows, put on sometimes by professionals and other times by children in our puppetry clubs. Others will recall the fun of practising another language in the after-school French Club, or seeing such special performances as the Story Lady Theatre in which you younger patrons helped tell and act out your very own tales. You probably remember enjoying musicians from the Toronto Symphony Orchestra explaining how their instruments work and are played or, if you are one of our adult patrons, attending the evening series "Times of our Lives" to discuss with expert panelists new ideas found in the best-selling book "Passages". We are delighted with your response.

You welcomed our staff when they were out in the community visiting schools and day care centres and speaking to local groups. We, the staff, enjoyed meeting you, our public, at the West Side Mall and Weston Marketplace when we brought library services and programs to you to tell you what we had to offer. You met us at Yorkfest where you enjoyed the library float, the giant bookworm and our vivacious cheerleaders, all part of that exciting parade. We welcomed the opportunity to get to know you better when you visited our displays and participated in library activities at the fairground.

In the coming year we plan to continue improving, to please you. We hope to start a community newsletter with funding from the Job Creation Branch of the Federal Government. Through it, we'll provide you with up-to-date information on activities and events all over the Borough. And, of course we always look forward to an even wider variety of new materials and interesting events for you.

I wish to thank the staff for the innovative ideas and enthusiasm which they bring to their work. I am also grateful to the members of the Library Board for their support and counsel throughout 1978. These dedicated people who perform their duties without remuneration are deeply committed to the well-being of their

community and their contribution makes this Borough a better one in which to live. This year, we had two members of the Library Board, Mr. Milos Subotincic and Mr. Wilf Royle leave. We are sorry to lose them and shall miss their valuable assistance. We welcome their replacements, Mrs. Edythe Gibson and Mr. Mervyn Johnston and look forward to an eventful 1979.

**Bohus Derer**  
**Director**

#### ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION

Books, Periodicals, Pamphlets, Microforms,	
Fine Art Prints & Posters . . . . .	331,332
Films, Records & Cassettes . . . . .	11,951
Total:	343,283

#### YOU BORROWED

Books, Periodicals, Pamphlets,	
Fine Art Prints and Posters . . . . .	568,657
Films, Records & Cassettes . . . . .	35,837
Total:	604,494

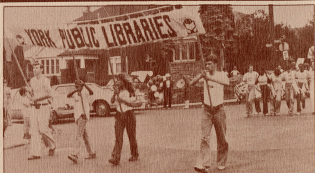
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#### YOUR LIBRARY RECEIVED

Municipal Grant . . . . .	\$1,250,911.00
Provincial Grant . . . . .	247,961.00
Other . . . . .	181,569.66
Total:	\$1,680,441.66

#### YOUR LIBRARY SPENT

Staff . . . . .	\$ 860,900.42
Library Materials . . . . .	350,239.43
Plant and Equipment . . . . .	281,257.04
Capital . . . . .	98,530.15
Other Operating Costs . . . . .	89,514.62
Total:	\$1,680,441.66



Library staff participated enthusiastically in community events such as Yorkfest.



Pre-School Story Times are held regularly in all branches.



Many of you enjoyed borrowing books from our libraries. We enjoyed serving you



#### LEGEND

1. MAIN BRANCH  
1745 Eglinton Ave. W.  
781-5208
2. EVELYN GREGORY BRANCH  
120 Trowell Ave.  
653-6185
3. JANE-DUNDAS BRANCH  
620 Jane Street  
769-4123
4. MOUNT DENNIS BRANCH  
1123 Weston Road  
762-1101
5. WESTON BRANCH  
2 King Street  
241-3118

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