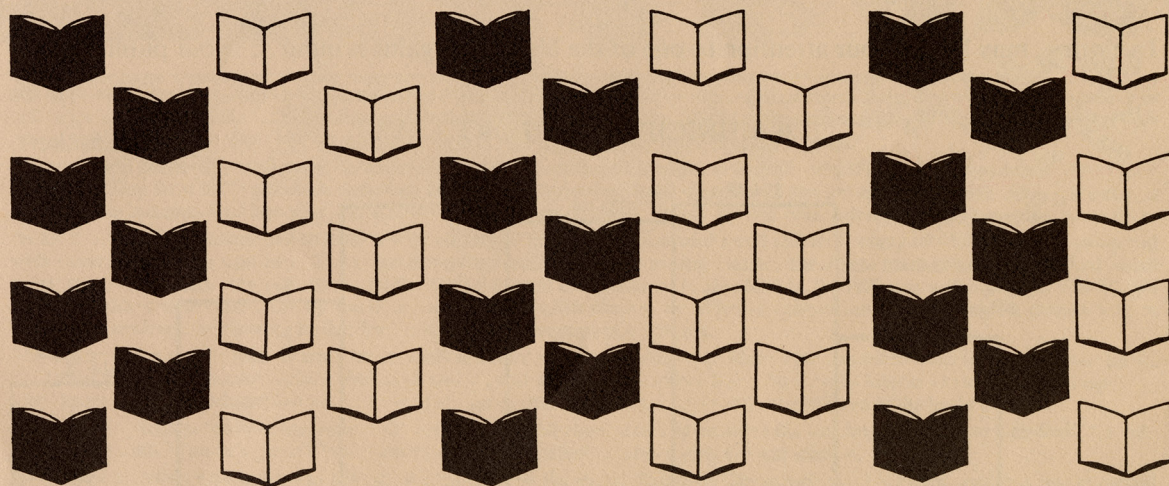


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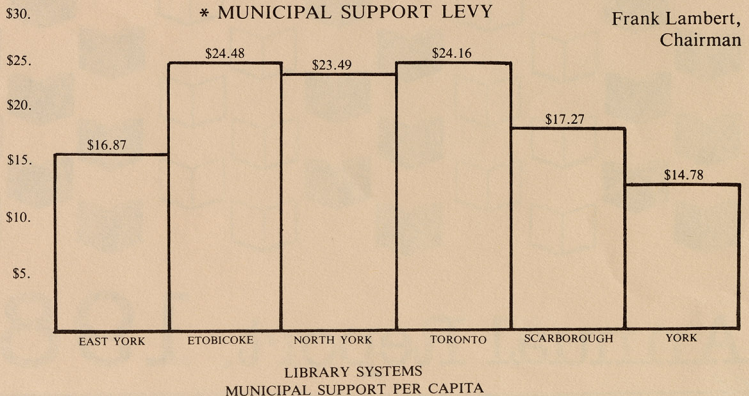
The York Lions' Funfest Parade

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

An extraordinary variety of library services are available in the Municipality of York. Your Library Board has been highly aware of the many needs and interests of the residents of York and has been able to meet these needs through the funding provided by the Municipal Council and grants from the Provincial Government - thanks to the diligence of the library staff under the administration of Bohus Derer.

The excellent co-operation between the library committees for Buildings and Property, Finance and Public Relations, has made my term as Chairman a rewarding experience. The recommendations made by the members of the committees have achieved many benefits for the Library and the community. It has been a privilege for me to have worked with the other Board Members and the very able library staff. In spite of working with the lowest municipal levy in Metropolitan Toronto\*, our staff has provided one of the highest levels of service.

In closing, may I draw your attention to one of the biggest bargains around . . . your public library card.





Publicity for Library Programmes



Preschoolers enjoying a programme at Main Library

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

In 1982 the York Public Library saw continuing success in its service to the citizens of the Borough of York. Circulation of materials increased 5%. Programmes of community interest were very popular at all Branches.

One major project, the renovation and expansion of the Weston Branch, was completed. Three large projects were started: preparation for automation, installation of book security and planning the renovation and enlargement of the Mount Dennis Branch.

The first step on the long road toward an automated circulation control system was the conversion of the literature (800's) section from card catalogue to COM (computer output microform) format. In the short term, this conversion further improved public access to library collections and allowed staff an opportunity to inventory this area. A similar conversion was begun in the fine arts section (700's) and the history, geography and biography (900's) section and will be completed in 1983. An automation feasibility study was started in the spring with the aid of consultants from the Network Development Office, Ministry of Citizenship and Culture. The results of this year-long project outlined the various alternatives for implementing an automated circulation system in 1985.

Security of collections has been another concern which we began to address in 1982. 3M electronic security systems were installed at Weston and Main Branches to prevent theft.

The improvement of library buildings continued in 1982. As the Weston Branch opened in July, plans to improve and expand the Mount Dennis Branch were activated. With the receipt of a large Wintario grant, architects were hired and it is hoped construction will begin in 1983. Several small improvements were made at other locations. The Main Branch was attractively landscaped, and had new storm windows installed. The heating / cooling unit was improved at Evelyn Gregory Branch.

Circulation of materials and demand for reference assistance continued to increase in 1982. 679,412 articles were circulated and staff answered more than 1200 reference questions per week. The audio-visual department loaned more than 500 films per week, a considerable increase over last year. As a result of increasing demand, library service was extended by one evening each week.

As always, the library continued to offer a wide variety of programmes for adults and children, many of which were co-sponsored with other community agencies. The computer programming course, sewing classes, the stress management course and small business seminars were very popular with adults. Our annual International Night, held in the fall, was well-attended. The library welcomed many new Canadians by providing space for English classes, by offering orientation visits to English classes held in community colleges, by showing Italian feature films and numerous other events.

In addition to the regular slate of story hours, craft activities and puppet shows, children were treated to visits by author, Jean Little, illustrator Elizabeth Cleaver, Babar, Polkaroo and several snakes and reptiles from the Royal Ontario Museum. The 'Books for Tots' programme, introduced last year, proved so popular that 2 extra sessions a week were offered at the Main Branch.

Library staff participated in many community events. This year these activities included the Reading Fair at West Side Mall, Canada Day celebrations, Weston's Santa Claus parade, and several parent-teacher nights at local schools.

All of these activities were promoted with great originality by the Public Relations Department. In 1982 their creativity was rewarded with an award from the Library Public Relations Council in New York City.

I want to thank the Library Board for their knowledgeable guidance and dedication and the Library Staff for their energy, skill and creativity which is reflected in the accomplishments achieved during 1982. We are looking forward to the challenges of 1983.

Bohus Derer,  
Director



## STATISTICS

### ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION

Books, Periodicals, Pamphlets, Microforms

Fine Art Prints & Posters .....	466,418
Films, Records & Cassettes .....	15,330
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>481,748</b>

### YOU BORROWED

Books, Periodicals, Pamphlets,

Fine Art Prints & Posters .....	617,216
Films, Records & Cassettes .....	62,196
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>679,412</b>

POPULATION..... 132,946

### YOUR LIBRARY RECEIVED

Municipal Grant .....	\$1,964,948.00
Provincial Grant .....	291,869.00
Other.....	92,005.98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,348,822.98</b>

### YOUR LIBRARY SPENT

Staff .....	\$1,458,661.29
Library Materials .....	223,752.96
Plant and Equipment .....	34,801.72
Capital .....	82,186.00
Other Operating Costs .....	587,904.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,387,306.12</b>

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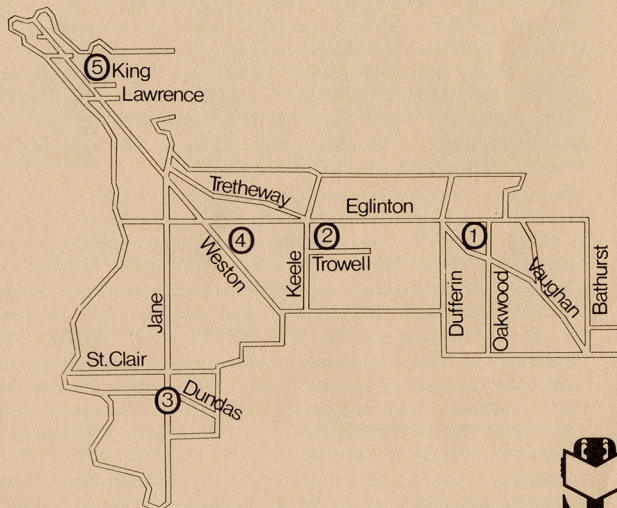
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