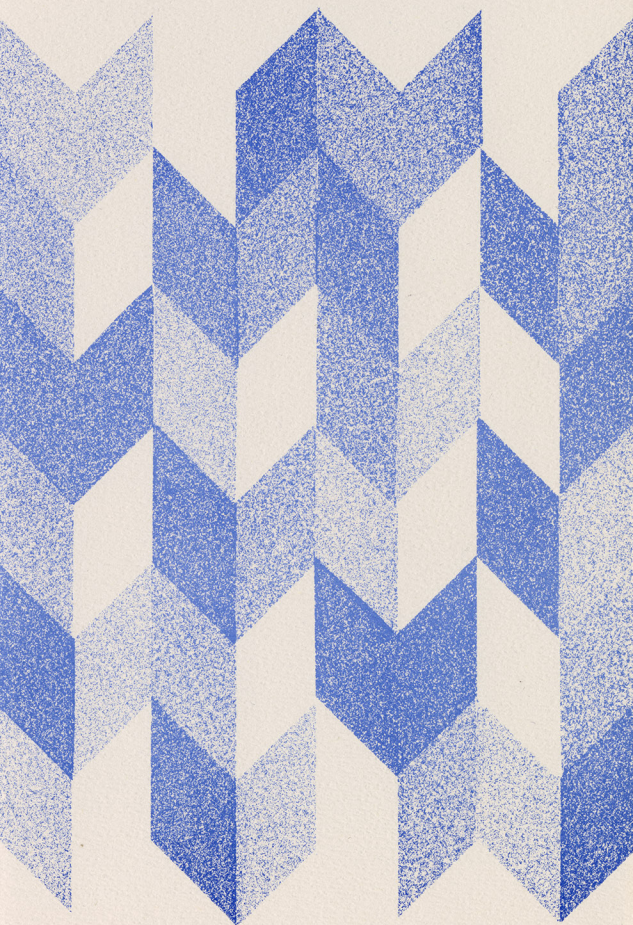


**YORK
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

**ANNUAL
REPORT
1984**



Chairman's Message

Nineteen eighty-four was a year of achievement for York Public Library. The constraints on our major resources – money and people – provided an added impetus to our determination to ensure that we are administering the taxpayers' dollars in the most efficient way possible.

Municipal Support Levy on a Per Capita Basis

North York	\$ 28.00
Toronto	27.86
Etobicoke	25.22
Scarborough	20.04
East York	19.52
York	17.96

In spite of receiving the lowest per capita grant in Metropolitan Toronto, we managed to provide one of the highest levels of service to the residents of the City of York

By enhancing our resources and practising careful financial management, Staff and Administration succeeded in strengthening the Library's profile within the community. Library patrons responded to our efforts enthusiastically, with increased use of our materials and programmes. Our International Night in particular has been an outstanding source of multicultural vitality in the City of York.

In 1984, we came a long way towards realizing our goal of providing excellent library service. We have plans and priorities for the future based on the importance of our community and its needs. In the coming year, we shall confront the challenges awaiting us with renewed vigour, in order to achieve our fundamental aim.

Frank Lambert
Chairman

Director's Message

Nineteen hundred and eighty-four was a year of significant achievement for York Public Library. "Reach out and grow" might well have been our motto. To keep pace with the needs of a community whose horizons are continually expanding while maintaining our long-standing standards of excellence in traditional services was a formidable challenge. Our success in meeting this challenge can be determined from the fact that in 1984 residents of York borrowed more materials, used more services and attended more programmes than at any previous time. An overview of our year's achievements will give an indication of how this was accomplished.

The public library is becoming an important feature to many children of all ages. The "Tales for Toddlers" and "Bedtime Stories" programmes, as well as "Story Telling in Chinese", have delighted a growing number of enthusiasts. Our Preschool Story Hours, as well

as many Saturday morning specials, are becoming increasingly popular with young children. A new toy library at the Main Branch was established through a special fund-raising project supported by local business people and joins the existing one at the Jane-Dundas Branch. For school-age children a wide range of activities extended throughout the year to enrich their out-of-school hours.

The excellent rapport which has been established with the schools is constantly being reinforced by the growing number of classes visiting the library and classes visited by librarians. Among our many special programmes for schools, Mayor Alan Tonks and other representatives of the City Council came to the Main Library to speak to classes on "How the City is Run", an informative and much appreciated series.

Reference service always receives top priority from our librarians who answered thousands of enquiries on a wide variety of topics, many of a highly specialized nature.

Our programmes were as diverse as the interests of our patrons and reflected our continuing efforts to meet their needs. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training, Tax Clinics, Fashion Colour Consultations and Job Hunting Seminars were but a few of the many well-attended events. The Main Library has become a mecca for computer users from all over Metro, attracted by the ever-growing collections of books, magazines and software. Thanks to generous donations from user groups and individuals our unique software collection has grown to nearly a thousand.

Services to the business community have been increased to keep up to demand. Many successful programmes and events have been sponsored in co-operation with the Business Development Centre.

Multicultural activities play a vital role in our services to the community. The multilanguage collection has been expanded to include thirty different languages. English-as-a-Second-Language classes were offered in co-operation with the Metropolitan Separate School Board. Our annual International Night received acclaim from all over the community for the high quality of performance.

The Mobile Library Service enjoyed a successful and busy year, going out to senior citizens and shut-ins and keeping them well supplied with library materials.

Since the installation of a second terminal in March, the speed of cataloguing and retroactive conversion has doubled. The conversion of adult non-fiction for three branches and system-wide inventory were completed.

Since the library was granted official charitable status, it has been the recipient of over \$20,000 in cash and materials, thanks to the generosity of many individuals and organizations.

A close co-operation between Humber College and York Public Library has been initiated by Frank Lambert, Chairman of the Library Board. As a result, several co-operative ventures are being considered.

The most important achievement of 1984 was the ground-breaking ceremony for the Mount Dennis Branch Library Extension and Renovation. When completed it will provide residents of the area with a full range of library services and serve as a focal point for the community.

All in all, 1984 was an exciting and successful year for York Public Library.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the York Public Library Board for their guidance and support and the library staff for the hard work and enthusiasm they have shown throughout the year.

Bohus Derer,
Director

Statistics

YORK LIBRARY RECEIVED

Municipal Grant	2,402,035
Provincial Grant	303,714
Other	96,145
TOTAL	2,801,894

YORK LIBRARY SPENT

Staff	1,705,579
Library Materials	318,961
Plant and Equipment	35,748
Capital	119,264
Other Operating Costs	622,091
TOTAL	2,801,643

POPULATION	133,707
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ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION

Books, periodicals, pamphlets, microforms, fine art prints, posters and software	508,626
Films, records and cassettes	18,037
TOTAL	526,663

YOU BORROWED

Books, periodicals, pamphlets, fine art prints, posters, and software	680,868
Films, records and cassettes	54,743
TOTAL	735,611



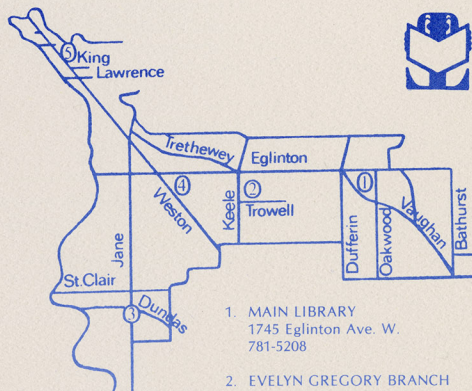
Politicians, Library Board Members and patrons gathered for the Groundbreaking Ceremony at Mt. Dennis Branch on Monday, December 3, 1984.



Reading is fun especially when shared with a friend.



Wearing their ethnic costumes, these children sang in a choir for International Night, 1984.



1. MAIN LIBRARY
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
766-6651
5. WESTON BRANCH
2 King Street
247-6697

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