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FRANK LAMBERT

CHAIRMAN, YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

The success of York Public Library depends largely upon the contributions made by many individuals. The nine members of your Library Board willingly donate their time, energy and experience to provide direction, set policy and ensure that the operations of York Public Library fulfill the needs of the residents of York. The chief Executive Officer, Bohus Derer, and the library staff conduct daily operations in an efficient, responsible and cost-effective manner and bring library services directly to the public. Our borrowers, their elected representatives and City officials demonstrate their appreciation of library services, the former by their continuing patronage and the latter by their constant support and active participation in library programs and events such as "How the City is Run".

Nineteen hundred and eighty-five was a year of many proud achievements. York Public Library accomplished a great deal in spite of the fact that it receives the lowest per capita municipal support of all public libraries in Metropolitan Toronto. I have no hesitation in stating that residents of York receive excellent value for their tax dollars from York Public Library.

BOHUS DERER

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In 1985, York Public Library effected a number of significant improvements in library service:

- The Mount Dennis Branch was re-opened to the public on September 3rd, following extensive renovations and an addition to the main floor of the building. Residents of the area now have access to a modern and attractive facility of which they can be proud. A special word of thanks is due to Alderman Gary Bloor, Board Chairman Frank Lambert, and the Buildings and Property Committee Chairman, Jim Pole-Langdon, for their work on behalf of this project.
- A new set of Goals and Objectives covering all aspects of library operations was approved by the Library Board in September. These will provide direction for continued growth and development of library services.
- A survey of residents of York was conducted in cooperation with the University of Western Ontario's School of Library and Information Science to help identify community needs.
- A toy library was established at the Main Library to complement the existing toy library at the Jane-Dundas Branch and to extend this service to residents of the eastern part of the City of York.
- The software collection was expanded with a \$10,000 Wintario grant from the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture.
- The French language collection for children was increased with the help of a \$1,595 grant received under the Ministry's French Language Library Collection Development Program.
- Public access to the book collection was improved by the retrospective conversion of Gregory's and Jane-Dundas' adult non-fiction books to machine-readable format.

Both regular and special programs enjoyed great success in 1985. Popular children's programs included pre-school storytimes, tales for toddlers, after-school and Saturday activities for school-age children, summer reading clubs,

and numerous specials, such as the Best Dressed Cookie Contest, children's Book Festival Week, York children's theatre, and programs on animal control, fire safety, water safety and local history. Regular class visits from local schools have proven to be an excellent way of reaching school-age children and encouraging regular library use among this age group. Among popular adult programs were small business seminars, weekly feature films, microcomputer courses, smoking classes, Books over Coffee, and adult discussion groups, as well as specials on financial planning, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, colours and fashion programs, buying a new car, and many others. During Education Week in April, an Adult Learning Information Booth was sponsored by the Workers' Educational Association of Canada, and a French Festival was held at the Main Library. Multicultural activities included Chinese programs for children and adults, children's programs in Italian, and International Night on October 17th. Community outreach programs in 1985 consisted of a display at the Westside Mall during Education Week, the Canada Day festivities at the City of York, and entries in the Navy League of Canada parade, York Funfest Parade and the Weston Santa Claus Parade. Publicity for all library programs was produced and coordinated by the Public Relations Department.

Donations from the public have played an important role in supplementing and improving our services and collections. In 1985, the Library received a total of \$50,738 in donations of materials and equipment. Among many individuals who made donations to the Library, the contributions of Roy Lever, Ed Cwil and Dr. P.V. Silverstein deserve special mention. Various fund-raising projects, including a summer carnival, a flea market and a lottery, were used to raise a total of \$3,685.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the York Public Library Board for their commitment to improving and expanding public library services in the City of York, and to the Library Staff for their dedication, enthusiasm and ingenuity in finding new and better ways of serving the public.

STATISTICS

REVENUE	
Municipal Grant	2,515,811
Provincial Grant	324,476
Other	100,591
TOTAL	2,940,878

EXPENDITURES	
Staff	1,800,028
Library materials	278,043
Plant and Equipment	35,682
Capital	120,588
Other Operating Costs	706,297
TOTAL	2,940,638

POPULATION	133,856
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ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION	
Books, periodicals, pamphlets, microforms, fine art prints, posters and software	529,765
Films, records and cassettes	18,177
TOTAL	547,942

YOU BORROWED	
Books, periodicals, pamphlets, fine art prints, posters and software	675,495
Films, records and cassettes	52,354
TOTAL	727,849



The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe performed by Erewhon Theatre.



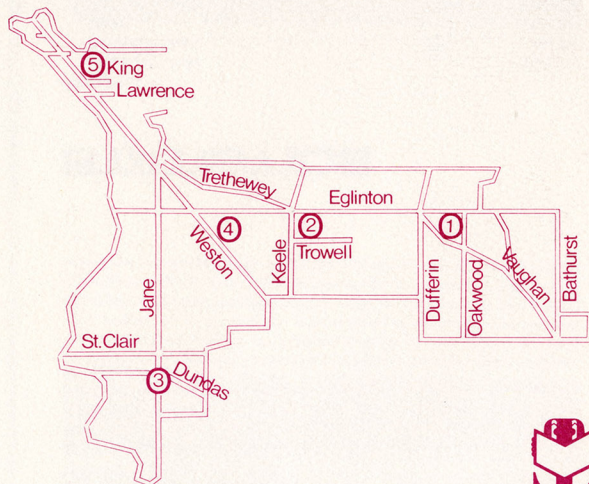
The new Mt. Dennis Branch officially opened September 28, 1985.



All eyes are focused on storyteller, Pat Andrews.

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