

1986

REPORT

THE CITY OF
YORK PUBLIC
LIBRARY

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Chairman's Message

In 1986, the City of York Public Library Board took a stand on a number of important issues facing libraries today. The Library Board was firm in its opposition to the federal government's 10% tariff on imported books and periodicals and to the proposed revision of the Copyright Act. These actions by the federal government serve only to increase costs and administration, restrict the public's free access to information, and impair the efficiency and effectiveness of libraries throughout Canada.

On a more positive note, I am proud that the library was able to bring together our elected officials in the City of York and our young people from the schools in a series of programs "How the City is Run." This was a unique opportunity for future voters to learn firsthand the principles and workings of local government and the value of citizenship. Special thanks are due to Mayor Alan Tonks and to all members of Council who participated in this series.

Donations from the public provided a valuable supplement to the library's collections and services. The Library Board offers its sincere thanks to every donor who made a contribution to the library last year. However, a special word of acknowledgement is due to the generous donations made by Dr. P. V. Silverstein, Ed Cwil, Paul Schrieder and Roy Lever.

One of the pleasant duties of Chairman is that I can draw attention to the valuable contributions made by the members and committees of the Library Board and the staff of the library. The Finance Committee was responsible for reviewing and submitting the library's annual budget to Council for approval. The Buildings and Property Committee ensured that our facilities were well maintained, while saving costs through sound management. The Public Relations Committee was active in promoting library services and maintaining a close liaison with community agencies. Lastly the Chief Executive Officer, Bohus Derer, and the staff of the City of York Public Library deserve our thanks for their splendid work, dedication and resourcefulness in providing library services to the residents of the City of York.

Frank Lambert
Chairman

Chief Executive Officer's Message

During the past year, the City of York Public Library made important improvements in key areas of library services:

- A mail survey was undertaken in cooperation with the University of Western Ontario's School of Library and Information Science to evaluate current services and identify new needs.
- The lower level of the recently renovated and expanded Mount Dennis Branch Library was opened in April and became the new location of the Children's Department.
- The Weston Branch Library cooperated with the Weston Historical Society and the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee in preserving the local history and heritage of the Weston area.
- French language collections were increased with the help of a grant from the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture.
- The software collections were expanded with an Acquisition of Collections grant from the Ministry.
- Initial funding was received from the York Lioness Club to start a toy library at the Mount Dennis Branch Library.

Programs for children and adults were very successful. Weekly programs for toddlers, preschool storytimes, and bedtime stories were popular with younger children and their parents. There were many children's specials, including Cookie Monster's Best Dressed Cookie Contest, Bear Week, visits from Polkaroo, Hug-a-Bunch and the Friendly Giant, summer reading clubs, the Block Parents Association poster contest, and Children's Book Festival Week in November. The York Children's Theatre performed the Paper Bag Princess, a Dr. Seuss tale and many others. Each branch had a full schedule of class visits from local schools. For the second year, a French Festival featuring classes from the Board of Education was held at the Main Library. Regular adult programs, such as weekly feature films, small business seminars, Books over Coffee, and adult discussion groups were well attended. Special programs for adults this year included courses on the IBM Personal Computer, Lotus 1-2-3 and dBASE III, income tax clinics, money management, protecting your home, microwave cooking demonstrations, fashion, skin care, early childhood development, nutrition, women's health, child discipline, food additives, creative play, "Growing up in Weston," and many others.

Multicultural activities grew in 1986. A series of evening lectures in Italian were offered at the Main Library. Italian programs for school-age children were held twice a week. Tots programs in Cantonese and Mandarin enjoyed great popularity. Many special Chinese programs, such as the New Year celebrations and presentations on art, paper-cutting, toys and income tax, were also well attended. The seventh annual International Night on October 23 was a notable success.

Community outreach activities included the "Library in the Mall" at the Westside Mall in April, a display with the theme "Parade with Us" at the Westside Mall during Education Week, the Canada Day festivities at Coronation Park, the Mount Dennis Fall Parade and Fair at Keelestdale Park, and the Weston Santa Claus Parade in November.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Chairman, Frank Lambert, and the members of the City of York Public Library Board for their generous help, support and guidance and to the staff of the library for their cooperation, imagination and enthusiasm in making 1986 yet another successful year.

Bohus Derer
Chief Executive Officer

Statistics

REVENUE	
Municipal Grant	2,703,808
Provincial Grant	338,428
Other	107,117
TOTAL	3,149,353

EXPENDITURES	
Staff	2,008,298
Library materials	270,859
Plant and Equipment	41,912
Capital	153,117
Other Operating Costs	674,988
TOTAL	3,149,174

POPULATION	133,856
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ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION	
Books, periodicals, pamphlets, microforms, fine art prints, posters and software	393,935
Films, records and cassettes	18,617
TOTAL	412,552

YOU BORROWED	
Books, periodicals, pamphlets, fine art prints, posters and software	709,846
Films, records and cassettes	50,805
TOTAL	760,651

Special Events



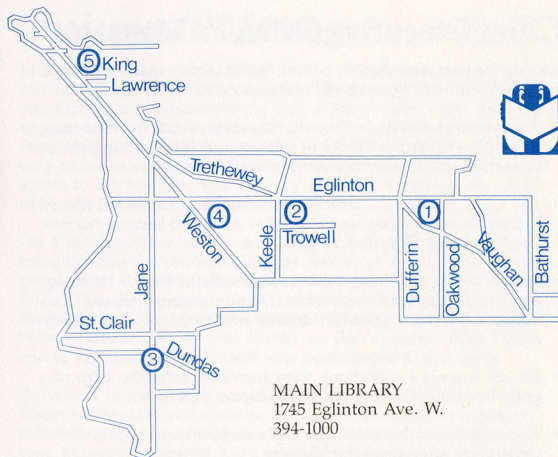
Children's author James Houston demonstrates storywriting.



Library bingo and face-painting were popular at the Mt. Dennis Fall Fair.



'How the City is run' with Mayor Tonks.



MAIN LIBRARY
1745 Eglinton Ave. W.
394-1000

EVELYN GREGORY BRANCH
120 Trowell Avenue
394-1006

JANE-DUNDAS BRANCH
620 Jane Street
394-1014

MT. DENNIS BRANCH
1123 Weston Road
394-1008

WESTON BRANCH
2 King Street
394-1016

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