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East York Public Library
Annual Report 1968

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| S. Walter Stewart Library | 150 Memorial Park Ave., Toronto 6 | 425-8222 |
| Leaside Library | 165 McRae Drive, Toronto 17 | 425-1044 |
| Thorncliffe Branch | 16 Thorncliffe Park Dr. Toronto 17 | 421-4791 |
| Todmorden Room | Pape and Torrens, Toronto 6 | 425-9977 |
| Woodbine Gardens Branch | 2 Gower Street, Toronto 16 | 757-8649 |

EAST YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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| Miss True Davidson, Mayor | 1969 | Borough of East York 550 Mortimer Ave., Toronto 6 |
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| Mrs. K. E. Bryant | 1969 | 25 Sutherland Dr., Toronto 17 |
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SECRETARY-TREASURER

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| Mr. Bohus Derer | 94 Plateau Cres., Don Mills, Ont. |
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EAST YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

C O M M I T T E E S

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BOROUGH OF EAST YORK - POPULATION

WARD 126,338

WARD 226,972

WARD 328,362

WARD 416,558

TOTAL 98,230

S T A F F

Mr. Bohus Derer, Chief Librarian

Mrs. Alexis Donohue, Secretary

Mrs. Alice Marsh, Bookkeeper

1. S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY

a. Professionals

Mr. William Chamberlain
Miss Marcia Macnair
Mrs. Alberta Pielsticker
Mrs. Helen Scott
Miss Sheila A. Teerkott
Mrs. J. H. VanPoorten

b. Clericals

Mrs. Merla Dixon
Mrs. Roslyn Dominey
Mrs. Jean Forsyth
Miss Jane McFaul
Mrs. Jean Millar
Mrs. Dolly Pelovas
Mrs. Vera Petkovsky
Miss Olivia Raymond
Miss Libuse Stalmach
Mrs. Ruby G. Woodward

c. Maintenance

Mr. George Kendall, Building Superintendent

2. LEASIDE LIBRARY

a. Professionals

Mrs. R. W. Beaupre
Mrs. Vivian D. Newman, Branch Librarian
Mrs. Lois Scott

b. Clericals

Mrs. W. J. Carson
Mrs. Sharon Glaesner
Mrs. Dell Humphreys
Mr. Guillermo Juntereal
Mr. Ronald McLeod

c. Maintenance

Mr. Robert M. Gadsden, Caretaker

3. THORNCLIFFE BOOK DEPOSIT

Mrs. Devota Barry (part-time)
Miss Sharon Thompson (Saturdays)

4. TODMORDEN ROOM

Mrs. Mabel Hergott
Mrs. Jean Millar (Saturdays)

5. WOODBINE GARDENS BRANCH

Mrs. Jane Winton
Mrs. Lois Codling

6. EAST YORK ACRES

Mrs. Mabel Hergott

7. CENTRAL PARK LODGE

Mrs. Mabel Hergott

S T A T I S T I C S

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| 1. | <u>S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY</u> | <u>1 9 6 7</u> | <u>1 9 6 8</u> |
| | Book Circulation | 336,121 | 336,670 |
| | Record Circulation | 2,625 | 3,208 |
| | Film Circulation | | 913 |
| | Number of hours open per week | 65½ | 65½ |
| | Total number of hours open | 3,214½ | 3,288½ |
| | Average circulation per hour | 104.5 | 102.3 |
| | Record circulation: | | |
| | Monday | 1,588 | 1,611 |
| | Tuesday | 1,838 | 1,323 |
| | Wednesday | 1,494 | 1,280 |
| | Thursday | 1,972 | 1,485 |
| | Friday | 1,456 | 1,416 |
| | Saturday | 1,988 | 2,788 |
| | Per Week | 7,978 | 8,525 |
| | Per month | 31,286 | 33,481 |
| | Registered new borrowers: | | |
| | Adult | 6,991 | 8,245 |
| | Juvenile | <u>3,646</u> | <u>3,100</u> |
| | Total | 10,637 | 11,345 |
| 2. | <u>LEASIDE LIBRARY</u> | | |
| | Book Circulation | 156,240 | 175,705 |
| | Record Circulation | 2,217 | 2,444 |
| | Number of hours open per week | 65½ | 65½ |
| | Total number of hours open | 3,110 | 3,288½ |
| | Average circulation per hour | 50 | 53 |
| | Registered New Borrowers: | | |
| | Adult | 1,538 | 2,662 |
| | Juvenile | <u>517</u> | <u>1,133</u> |
| | Total | 2,055 | 3,795 |

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| 3. <u>WOODBINE GARDENS BRANCH</u> | <u>1 9 6 7</u> | <u>1 9 6 8</u> |
| Book Circulation | - | 471 |
| Number of hours open per week | - | 21 |
| Registered Borrowers: | | |
| Adult | 25 | |
| Juvenile | <u>66</u> | |
| Total | | 91 |
| 4. <u>THORNCLIFFE BRANCH</u> | | |
| Book Circulation | 16,480 | 26,889 |
| Number of hours open per week | 20 | 23 |
| Registered New Borrowers: | | |
| Adult | 646 | 608 |
| Juvenile | <u>42</u> | <u>142</u> |
| Total | 688 | 750 |
| 5. <u>TODMORDEN ROOM</u> | | |
| Book Circulation | 14,500 | 17,083 |
| Number of hours open per week | 17½ | 17½ |
| Registered New Borrowers: | | |
| Adult | 188 | 277 |
| Juvenile | <u>138</u> | <u>185</u> |
| Total | 326 | 462 |
| 6. <u>EAST YORK ACRES</u> | | |
| Book Circulation | 3,161 | 3,321 |
| Number of hours open per week | 2 | 2 |
| 7. <u>CENTRAL PARK LODGE</u> | | |
| Book Circulation | 707 | 1,128 |
| Number of hours open per week | 1 | 2 |
| TOTAL BOOK CIRCULATION - | 527,209 | 561,267 |
| TOTAL RECORD CIRCULATION - | 4,842 | 5,652 |
| TOTAL NEW REGISTERED BORROWERS - | 13,706 | 16,444 |

The East York Public Library has completed another successful year. The citizens of the Borough were provided library services through the following outlets:

A. S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY

1. REGULAR ACTIVITIES

a) Boys and Girls Services

During 1968, two hundred and eleven classes visited the S. Walter Stewart Library. This decrease in numbers as compared to the 1967 figures is due to the advent of many more school libraries. The arrangement reached between school principals and the library is to have the classes visit once in the Fall and once in the Spring, rather than every six weeks as in previous years. However, the use of the library after school hours and on Saturdays continues to increase.

Six pre-school groups held in the Spring were attended by one hundred and forty-five children and parents.

Fifty-eight story-hours (figure includes story-hours held during week days in Summer) were attended by 1,180 children.

Thirty-nine puppet shows have attracted a total of 2,359 children. This figure includes individual showings given to classes on their final school visit before the Summer of 1968.

Saturday film showings held weekly during the school year have an average attendance of 85 per showing.

As special activities, we arranged:

-- a visit from Miss Wilma Petch of Pioneer Village.

-- a puppet-making group held for three weeks which culminated in the children putting on their own show.

Summer Programme:

A total of 24 story-hours attended by 885 children
Nine arts and crafts sessions attended by 258 children
Eight Wednesday film shows attended by 767 children

b) Young Adult Services

The response of Grade 7 students who come to the library for instruction in using and enjoying the adult library continues to be gratifying. We have slow learners, rapid learners, teachers who are interested in reading and those who do not read. These things all affect the attitude of the students. Occasionally a student will say: "I don't want a card - tear it up". The librarian

tells him that the card will be retained until after the tour of the library and the book talk. It is a real thrill to have that student come up later and request his or her card. A total of forty classes were instructed at the S. Walter Stewart Library.

c) Reference Services

The reference collection is being up-dated constantly with new editions of Almanacs, Year Books, Encyclopedias, etc.

The organization of government documents is being carried out. The collection includes publications from the federal, provincial and municipal governments. A separate card catalogue is planned for the government documents.

d) Audio-Visual Services

1. Films

The weekly children's film shows were continued on Saturdays at the S. Walter Stewart and Leaside Libraries, with good attendances at both.

The Bell and Howell projector, model DES 285, was taken by a borrower using a false name and address. During the Summer, the police informed the library that the projector had been found and would be returned after court proceedings. We have heard nothing further.

In view of this, the Audio-Visual Services of the Metropolitan Toronto Library gave the East York Public Library, on extended loan, a Bell and Howell single unit projector until the missing projector is returned or replaced. The National Film Board of Canada also loaned us fifteen selected films.

The RCA projector has been sent to the Leaside Library for their programmes. However, the age of this projector (20 years) makes continual repairing necessary.

On July 1st, 1968, free film distribution was inaugurated in the Metropolitan Library System and various Borough Libraries. Films are rented free-of-charge for a 24-hour period to borrowers who can provide qualified 16mm projection. Since July the film circulation has doubled. The total films circulated for the year was 913 with a total audience of 23,788. This could increase still more with better facilities.

2. Records

The library purchased more records in the popular and How-to-do-it records, such as language, typing etc. The language records (especially French) and recorded plays have been very popular with students.

Carols were again played in the S. Walter Stewart Library over Christmas.

e) Interloan

In order to speed up Interloan services, the Metropolitan Toronto Library Board inaugurated a Teletype System in the six main public libraries of Metropolitan Toronto on October 1st, 1968. The public is delighted with the speedy service as demonstrated by the following statistics:

Books borrowed by East York from other libraries:

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| January through September (9 months) | 111 books |
| October through December (3 months) | <u>162</u> books |
| Total | 273 books |

Other libraries borrowed from East York:

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| January through September (9 months) | 70 books |
| October through December (3 months) | <u>77</u> books |
| Total | 147 books |

f) Displays

The following displays were presented in the showcases:

1. Four Rare Books donated from Mr. and Mrs. Norman Maughan:
 - (a) A King James version of the Bible printed in 1748
 - (b) Two Hebrew Bibles printed in 1701 and 1820
 - (c) A translation of Homer's Illiad, printed in 1852
2. Miniature oil paintings, dried flowers, water colours of animals, and small pottery articles, by Miss Kitty Gafney.
3. Old copies of the East York Weekly News showing what life was like in East York during the thirties.
4. Collection of model trains and model soldiers.
5. Canadian historical dolls from Office Overload.
6. Exhibit of spinning and weaving.
7. Puppets made by boys and girls in library children's class.
8. Art exhibition of work by Grade 13 students.
9. Photographs from current productions at the Shaw Festival and the Stratford Shakespearian Festival.
10. Collection of enamelled copper by the Group of Six

g) Library School Students

From March 4th to March 16th, two students from the University of Toronto School of Library Science, did their practice-training at S. Walter Stewart Library. They were given the opportunity to familiarize themselves with every phase of library service and had actual experience in the duties of every staff member.

2. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

a) Lectures

On January 11th, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Maughan showed slides of their trip around the world to a capacity audience in the auditorium.

On April 25th, because of popular demand, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Maughan presented a second delightful programme of slides and comments on their travels.

b) Movies

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| January | 25 | Kon Tiki |
| February | 8 | The Maritime Provinces |
| February | 22 | Pictorial Concert |
| October | 31 | Element 3 (water) |
| November | 14 | White Ship |
| December | 17 | Ancient World Greece |
| December | 20 | Search for Ulysses |

c) Poetry Recital

Three Canadian poets, Michael Collie, Francis Sparshott and Eli Mendel, all with published works, read some of their poetry in the auditorium on March 28th.

d) Play Reading Groups

In January, the Play Reading Group visited the Theatre Toronto Club to watch a play reading of Gratien Gelinas' new play - "Yesterday the Children were Dancing".

On February 5th, the group read G. B. Shaw's "Heartbreak House"
On February 19th, the group read "Three Little Foxes" by Lillian Hellman.

e) Christmas Carols

During the Christmas season there were four evenings of Christmas Carols in the auditorium:

December 12 St. Aloysius School Choir

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| December 17 | East York Collegiate Institute - Girls Choir and Glee Club |
| December 18 | St. Clair Junior High School - Choral and Instrumental Ensemble |
| December 19 | Cosburn Avenue United Church - Teenage Choir |

f) Exhibits

The following exhibits were held in the auditorium:

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| January 10 to 22 | Annual Winter show of the Art Guild of York Scarborough |
| March 13 to Apr. 1 | Costumes from The University Settlement Folk Dancers |
| April 20 to May 4 | Paintings by students of East York Collegiate Institute and Leaside High School |
| July 15 to Aug. 8 | Abstract paintings by Mr. Oliver Tiura |
| Oct. 15 to 29th | The Centennial Rose exhibit from EXPO '67 |
| Oct. 30 to Nov. 13 | The "Art of Stained Glass" |
| Nov. 15 to Dec. 6 | Paintings by Mrs. E. Bride Richards and some of her Senior Citizen students |
| Dec. 9 to 30 | A display of 19th Century Ontario Needlework |

g) Nurses Visits

On January 12th, 1968, a group of fifty-five student nurses from Toronto East General Hospital toured the library.

A further group of seventy students came on October 11th.

h) Arts Board Concerts

Five musicales sponsored by the East York Arts Board, were presented in the library auditorium on the following Sunday afternoons:

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| January | 21 |
| February | 18 |
| March | 17 |
| October | 20 |
| November | 17 |

3. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

a) Social Planning Council

On January 11th, 1968, the Social Planning Council of East York held their monthly luncheon meeting in the library auditorium. Mr. S. Walter Stewart spoke on the role of a public library in the community. Mr. Derer afterwards briefly outlined the different services and facilities provided to the residents of East York by their Public Library.

To celebrate their 10th year of service in East York, the Social Planning Council decided to present a "Showcase of Services" in the S. Walter Stewart Library from April 3rd to 11th. Over thirty-three agencies, all operating in East York, participated. They represented Health, Child Care, Service Clubs, Education, Fire Department and Recreation. Discussion groups were held daily in the Children's Story Hour Room. Groups of young people, such as the Explorers, Guides, Key Club, etc., served coffee, cake and cookies during the afternoons and evenings. The "Showcase" was considered a success from all points of view.

b) Annual Christmas Party

The East York Public Library Board held a luncheon for the Board and Staff on December 24th in the auditorium. Santa Claus presented small gifts to all present. It was a delightful party.

c) Dominion Day Parade

On Dominion Day, a large library float was assembled and was awarded second prize in the parade. Mr. Kendall had painted four large panels showing some of the fields covered by the library's facilities. They were titled:

TECHNOLOGY
ART AND MUSIC
SPORTS
GARDENING

A student page was stationed at each corner of the display.

d) East York Junior String Symphony

Instruction was given to children who played string instruments in the library auditorium on Saturday mornings during the Fall and Winter months.

e) Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic

The Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic was held on July 18th in the library auditorium. We had 174 donors.

f) Greek Week

During the celebration of Greek National Week, December 16-21, the library presented several displays, six movie and slide programmes and two lectures.

g) Staff Activities

On January 8th, 1968, Mrs. Helen Scott spoke to the Women's Guild of Hope United Church on the "Library and the Community".

On April 16th, Mrs. VanPoorten was a speaker at the R. H. McGregor School library group. They discussed plans for making puppets in the library.

The librarian of Westwood Junior High School invited Mrs. Pielsticker to speak to two assembly groups, consisting of ninety students each on May 31st. The topic was "Books for Summer Reading". Bookmarks were distributed.

On October 23rd, Mrs. Pielsticker gave a book talk to the Women's Club of Donlands United Church. The topic she chose was "Stories of Courage".

B. LEASIDE LIBRARY

1. Boys and Girls Services

The Department had a particularly active and successful summer programme with film shows and handicrafts sessions. In connection with the latter, which aroused special interest, the library has added a good number of books on crafts for children this year.

In October, the Boys and Girls Department sponsored a public showing of a film about picture books, titled: "The Lively Art of the Picture Book".

In November, the Department celebrated Young Canada's Book Week with special displays and a contest for which children drew and painted pictures to depict their favourite stories.

The Children's Librarian held a Hallowe'en party in place of the regular story hour. The children made masks of paper bags, a Jack O'Lantern was carved out of a pumpkin, and spooky stories were read.

During December a Christmas party was held in place of the regular story hour and the children decorated the Christmas tree with ornaments they had made themselves. This made a great hit and will be repeated next year.

During 1968 --

116 classes visited the library
63 story hours were attended by 507 children
51 films were shown to 1396 children
126 children attended pre-school classes

2. Adult Services

On March 16, the Leaside Camera Club presented a programme of slides - "In and Around Leaside 1967" - in the Library Auditorium. The three showings had an approximate attendance of twenty to twenty-five each.

During the summer, the Adult Department prepared a list of books available in large print editions at Leaside. A copy of this list was sent to Central Park Lodge.

In September, Mrs. Lois Scott visited the Leaside High School Library and invited the school librarian to visit the Leaside Library. An attempt to set up class visits by students was turned down by the principal of the school.

3. Displays

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| October | - | Posters and books on the opera <u>Salome</u> |
| November | - | Ministures by Miss Kitty Gafney |
| December | - | Experimental prints by Joan Kent Young |

4. Staff Activities

In February, Mrs. Newman gave a talk on books and other library materials for photography fans to the Leaside Camera Club. In April, Mrs. Newman gave a book talk on several American Negro Writers to the women's group of the Leaside Presbyterian Church. Throughout the year, she also continued as a regular book reviewer for Library Journal.

C. WOODBINE GARDENS BRANCH

Funds were granted for a new branch library at the end of October, 1968. By means of a concentrated blitz by all staff members, the library was opened to the public on December 3rd, 1968. The residents of the eastern section of the Borough are delighted to have convenient library service.

Hours open to the public are as follows:

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| Tuesday | - | 12:30 - 5:00 pm. | and | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | - | 12:30 - 5:00 pm. | and | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | - | 9:00 - 1:00 pm. | and | 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. |

D. THORNCLIFFE PARK BOOK DEPOSIT

The circulation continues to grow in this Book Deposit and the patrons are pleased with the service.

Hours open to the public are as follows:

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Wednesday - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Friday - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday - 9:00 - 12:00 noon and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Plans are underway to make this a full-fledged branch library in 1969.

E. TODMORDEN ROOM

Similar services are provided at this Book Deposit and the circulation continues to grow.

Hours open to the public:

Tuesday - 2:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday - 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday - 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

F. EAST YORK ACRES

Senior Citizens are served at East York Acres on Wednesday afternoons, which becomes one of the high points in the week for these elderly people. The circulation is steadily increasing, especially for the large print books.

G. CENTRAL PARK LODGE

Similar services to those of East York Acres are provided at Central Park Lodge every Monday afternoon.

S U M M A R Y

Three recommendations were made in the 1967 Annual Report, as follows:

1. Opening a Branch Library in a rented store in the Eastern part of East York Borough.
2. Purchasing the land available at Thorncliffe Park for a future branch library.
3. Planning the extension to the S. Walter Stewart Library.

It is gratifying to report that the first two recommendations are completed and the planning for the third is underway.

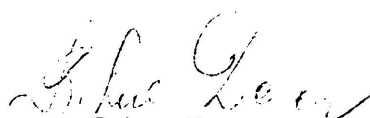
With regard to Thorncliffe Park, not only has the land been purchased but progress is being made towards the building of the branch library.

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C O N C L U S I O N

The East York Public Library Board has been a constant source of encouragement, co-operation and support. Each member takes a personal interest in the Library's development. I wish to thank the Board and the Staff for their diligence and enthusiasm. These things have made 1968 a worth-while and gratifying year.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bohus Derer".

Bohus Derer
Chief Librarian

