East York Public Library

Annual Report '70

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ANNUAL REPORT

to the

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of the

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B O R O U G H O F E A S T Y O R K

POPULATION AS OF NOVEMBER 27, 1970

WARD 1	27,899
WARD 2	26,400
WARD 3	31,601
WARD 4	16,129
TOTAL	102,029

E A S T Y O R K P U B L I C L I B R A R Y

S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY	170 Memorial Park Avenue Toronto 359	425-8222
LEASIDE LIBRARY	165 McRae Drive Toronto 352	425-1044
THORNCLIFFE BRANCH	48 Thorncliffe Park Drive Toronto 354	421-4791
TODMORDEN BRANCH	1081½ Pape Avenue Toronto 357	425-9977
WOODBINE GARDENS BRANCH	2 Gower Street Toronto 374	757-8649

BOOK DEPOSITS:

CENTRAL PARK LODGE	10 William Morgan Drive Toronto 354	425-3722
EAST YORK ACRES	9 Haldon Avenue Toronto 365	

S T A T I S T I C S

A. S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY

		1969		1970
Book circulation		323,339		312,406
Records circulation		3,625		3,820
Film circulation		2,037		2,103
Number of hours open per week		65½		65½
Total number of hours open		3,268		3,274½
Average circulation per hour		98.9		95.4
Registered new borrowers:				
Adult	6,010		5,326	
Juvenile	2,360		2,818	
Total		8,370		8,144

B. LEASIDE LIBRARY

Book circulation		181,079		197,615
Records circulation		2,898		4,441
Number of hours open per week		65½		65½
Total number of hours open		3,268		3,274
Average circulation per hour		55.4		60.3
Registered new borrowers:				
Adult	3,093		3,264	
Juvenile	910		1,008	
Total		4,003		4,272

C. THORNCLIFFE BRANCH

Book circulation		35,442		82,997
Records circulation				1,265
Number of hours open per week		34		54
Total number of hours open		1,443		1,973
Average circulation per hour		24.6		42.1
Registered new borrowers:				
Adult	839		2,046	
Juvenile	170		738	
Total		1,009		2,784

D. WOODBINE GARDENS BRANCH		1969		1971
Book circulation		31,228		47,522
Number of hours open per week		34		34
Total number of hours open		1,618		1,712½
Average circulation per hour		19.3		27.8
Registered new borrowers:				
Adult	528		747	
Juvenile	623		880	
Total		1,151		1,627

E. TODMORDEN BRANCH				
Book circulation		19,063		23,997
Number of hours open per week		20		20
Total number of hours open		1,021		1,028
Average circulation per hour		18.7		23.3
Registered new borrows:				
Adult	221		338	
Juvenile	178		244	
Total		399		582

F. CENTRAL PARK LODGE		
Book circulation	1,236	1,399
Number of hours open per week	2	2
Total number of hours open	86	84
Average circulation per hour	14.4	16.7

G. EAST YORK ACRES		
Book circulation	3,473	3,834
Number of hours open per week	2	2
Total number of hours open	94	90
Average circulation per hour	36.9	42.6
TOTAL BOOK CIRCULATION	594,860	669,770
TOTAL RECORDS CIRCULATION	6,523	9,526
TOTAL NEW REGISTERED BORROWERS	14,932	17,409

S T O C K

		1969		1970
3. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY				
BOOKS:				
Adult	58,915		63,134	
Juvenile	24,640		26,414	
Total		83,555		89,548
RECORDS:		2,237		2,338
LEASIDE LIBRARY				
BOOKS:				
Adult	27,242		26,775	
Juvenile	14,106		13,714	
Total		41,348		40,489
(3875 books were transferred to Thorncliffe Branch)				
RECORDS:		1,589		1,637
THORNCLIFFE BRANCH				
BOOKS:				
Adult	1,419		7,021	
Juvenile	859		4,161	
Total		2,278		11,182
RECORDS:				224
WOODBINE GARDENS BRANCH				
BOOKS:				
Adult	4,955		7,186	
Juvenile	4,105		5,771	
Total		9,060		12,957
EAST YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM:				
Total holdings of books		136,241		154,176
Total holdings of records		3,826		4,199

S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY

A. REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

1. BOYS AND GIRLS SERVICES

	Number	Attendance
Films	56	2806
Story Hours	57	582
Puppet Shows	7	892
Arts & Crafts	13	761
Pre-School Classes	8	215
School Classes	251	6589

An average of 135 people attended each puppet show and the parents, as well as the children, seemed to enjoy them tremendously. Among those performed were: "Hansel and Gretel", "Three Little Pigs", "Three Billy Goats Gruff", "Red Riding Hood", "Rapunzel", and "Jorinda and Joringel".

At the Arts and Crafts sessions a variety of things were made: Valentine cards, Easter eggs (balloons were blown up, coated with a papier mache covering, and then painted when dry), Thanksgiving turkeys (from paper bags), Halloween paper bag puppets and Christmas ornaments. Three hundred and sixty-seven children came to the special summer programmes and made colourful paper flower leis, tambourines and marracas, using paper plates and cups.

Pre-school sessions were held in May and June, and a "New Canadians" class of older children came during the summer to acquaint themselves with the library and to hear stories.

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of new Canadians visiting the Boys and Girls Department. These children often have difficulty in familiarizing themselves with the English language and present quite a challenge to the staff.

2. YOUNG ADULT SERVICES

Twenty-three Grade 7 classes (644 students) came to the library to learn about the library resources and services at their disposal. Some students whom the teachers had pointed out as being unmanageable or slow learners showed keen interest and borrowed books.

The principal of one Junior High School said he felt that visits of classes to the public library were unnecessary since they had a good school library. A librarian will try again to convince him of the benefits to students which can be derived from visits to public libraries. It is true that school libraries have improved over the past few years to the point where most have excellent collections for school use. However, the collections of school libraries and public libraries supplement and complement each other, so there is no problem of competition between them.

Several facts suggest that the public library has an important role in the life of the student, and that he should be introduced to it early in his school life. The new curriculum with its emphasis on free selection of assignment topics, opens up a range of subject matter that can only be supplemented by the book and non-book materials of the public library. The public library also is open for a longer period of time daily, and there are librarians at hand to help the student find what he needs.

It is obvious too that young people who are students are also members of the community and that they will grow out of the school context in a few years. They should become familiar with the resources of their public library sufficiently to know how to use them in their adult lives for their personal interests, recreational and educational needs.

3. REFERENCE AND READER'S ADVISORY SERVICES

The circulation statistics of a public library do not even begin to give a true picture of the service given to the public. The book or books finally checked out at the control desk are recorded, but not the time required to assist borrowers, young or old, in person or by telephone, in their search for books, information or guidance.

Some queries are answered quickly, others require telephone calls or letters to various agencies, departments or special libraries. Often the patron's request is not clearly stated or may contain incorrect information which requires clarification. Students misunderstand the teacher's instructions and ask for material on so broad a scale that a year's work by a graduate student could not handle it effectively i.e. "What are the living conditions of all the native tribes of Africa?" The librarian narrows it down to tribes in a certain area, and searches for material which will illustrate the subject. Other students come with an open mind and rely on the librarian to suggest a subject, entailing an exhaustive conversation to find out what his interests may be and how the library can meet them.

A librarian was asked "Where are your books on 1935?" Six questions later the subject was identified as "The History of the Social Credit Party in Canada." Another librarian was asked for "a history book, a big fat one, with a woman in it!" After some minutes spent in conversation back and forth the title was discovered to be "Gone with the Wind."

Constant reading and research (in addition to training) are needed to equip the librarians to cope with the infinite scope of the requests which are presented daily. Certain fields, such as working with boys and girls, require an exhaustive knowledge of the literature which is especially suitable for different ages and reading

levels. In addition to book and non-book material, the librarian needs to know how to use audio-visual material of all types. Librarians must also keep up with book reviews and trends in community interests, so that the library collections are maintained and improved for current use, while foreseeing and preparing for future needs.

In technical and reference libraries a detailed record is kept of the enquiries answered, and of the number of books, pamphlets, periodicals and vertical file material used for this purpose. Public libraries try to keep a record of the number of reference questions for the purpose of estimating staff needs, and these statistics appear in annual reports. However, no librarian in a public library assumes that these statistics accurately represent either the number of questions asked, or the time involved in satisfying them. A floor librarian may be asked to help five other questioners before arriving back at the desk where the records are kept, and then find several more borrowers waiting for assistance. The time involved can range from a few minutes to over an hour in a few cases. The S. Walter Stewart Library staff are now keeping reference statistics and it is hoped that not too many will be forgotten before being recorded.

VERTICAL FILE

Vertical File material, as an important supplement to the book collection, continues to be collected from newspaper clippings, free material, government publications and other sources. Vertical File material is also ordered and distributed to the branches by the S. Walter Stewart Library.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Documents are received from the Queen's Printer, Ottawa, from Federal Departments and from Provincial sources, as well as some from the United States Government Offices. Space for the shelving of these government documents is still limited, so that the collection must be held within fairly narrow limits. The information supplied by this collection is an important part of the resources of the S. Walter Stewart Library, providing as it does, up-to-date information on public affairs of interest to the community.

BOOKS IN OTHER LANGUAGES

The S. Walter Stewart Library has built up a small collection of books in other languages to answer local requests. New Canadian borrowers are happy to find that the library can offer books in their own language, and there are many children who have learned to speak English, and then come to the library asking for books for their mothers or older relatives in Italian or Greek, German, French or Estonian.

A gift of thirty Estonian books has been received from the Thunder Bay Library.

The collection in 1970:

Estonian	105
French	126
German	31
Greek	63
Italian	846

Small block loans are made to the branches as the need for a particular language is indicated.

4. INTERLOAN SERVICES

Our borrowers are very grateful for the service rendered to them through the Teletype system. Librarians spend many, many hours verifying bibliographic information which is frequently missing or incorrect before the requests are forwarded to Bibliographic Centre.

Teleprinter Information Requests	1796
Books received from other libraries	1270
Books loaned between branches of East York	1438
East York Books loaned to other libraries	877

The S. Walter Stewart Library also co-ordinates and processes all interloan messages and materials between East York and the other Metro Systems, and similarly is responsible for book requests within the system between the branches and the main library.

Checking each block of teleprinter requests which have been received from the other Metro systems daily has become a necessary but time-consuming task for the librarians. Sometimes requests from one system can fill two yards of teleprinter paper. Each title has to be checked carefully through the catalogue. So far no simpler method has been devised to bring Metro readers the books which they need from anywhere in the Metro systems.

The following examples indicate the manner in which a borrower's request is pursued when the libraries in Metro cannot supply the desired material.

A borrower requested the following book through Interloan at S. Walter Stewart Library:

Title: CHANCE AND LUCK
A discussion of the laws of luck, coincidences, wagers, lotteries, and the fallacies of gambling; with notes on poker and martingales.

Author: Richard A. Proctor
Publisher: Longmans, Green and Co. - 1887

This book was not available in Metropolitan Toronto. Through Telex-Teletype it was eventually located in the Legislative Library in Halifax. Needless to say, the borrower was delighted.

Mr. John F. Hayes, the nationally acclaimed author of books about Canada, is a resident of the Borough of East York. He asked if the S. Walter Stewart Library could obtain material about the early loyalist settlements of Saint John, New Brunswick to be used for his new book.

Through Telex we obtained photocopies of articles in the Saint John Daily Telegraph (1893) for which Mr. Hayes paid the library.

The Regional Library in Saint John sent a microfilm of the Halifax Gazette (1752) to be used in the Baldwin Room of the Metro Toronto Public Library.

Five additional books were traced to reference departments of libraries in Toronto.

Mr. Hayes said all of this information was invaluable to him.

5. ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING SERVICES

The collections in S. Walter Stewart Library and in the branches have been strengthened and improved by book selections in 1970. Books were coming in slowly but steadily for the first six months of the year, and were handled conveniently. Due to the problems in the Co-Operative Book Centre, orders almost stopped in the fall, only to come in excessively large quantities in November and December, after MacLean-Hunter bought Co-Operative Book Centre. Nearly 1800 orders were cancelled by Co-Op. at the beginning of December when we were sent a print-out. Later it was said that all outstanding orders for 1970 had also been cancelled. There had been a number of very popular books amongst those in the print-out, which were re-ordered but have still not been received. The popular titles among the orders which were cancelled, but for which no print-out was sent, will be even later in reaching the S. Walter Stewart Library and branch libraries collections. It is anticipated, however, that the orders will be handled more efficiently in 1971.

The librarians are keenly aware that modern novels are very different from those written a few decades ago. Some of our own borrowers wish they could find more "nice, pleasant reading". To help fill these requests, the staff orders many reprints and paper-backs of old favourites which have been out-of-print for some years. At the same time, they try to keep abreast of the modern trends and, of course, to order all basic books in every field of printed material.

6. AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICES

a. 16mm FILMS:

	Showings	Films	Attendance
1969	1313	2037	58,820
1970	1361	2235	62,330

Films requested over teletype:

1969 (March - December)	972
1970	2597

It was more difficult to obtain requested films and films for East York programmes in 1970. There is an increased demand for films all over the Metropolitan Toronto area, and the number of new films added to the collections of the Audio-Visual Centre and the other Metro libraries has not kept pace with the demand. East York does not buy any 16mm films and has only 58 titles on loan from National Film Board, and 67 titles on deposit from the former Pool. The Metro libraries naturally give preference to their own library programme needs from their own film libraries, and especially to the new films purchased annually.

There have been complaints from the East York children librarians relative to the quality of the films available for programmes. The number of good children's films in the Metro collections is small, and each system has weekend programmes in each of its branches. East York uses nine films each Saturday, and the result is repetition and far too often the answer to East York's teletyped requests was "Not Available".

b. 8mm FILMS

In October of 1970 permission was given for the S. Walter Stewart Library to undertake a six months trial period of one hundred 8mm Film and Super-8 Film titles, without sound of course. The 8mm films have proved very popular in other Metro Toronto libraries and should prove equally popular in East York if we can judge by the number of inquiries we have had.

c. RECORDS

In the past year we have built up the popular record collection in the S. Walter Stewart Library. It has proved extremely appealing to borrowers of all ages.

Students make good use of the Spoken Word records i.e. the plays and poetry readings, both for home study or in the library, using our listening facilities.

In December seventy-eight classical records were sent to the Thorncliffe Branch Library from the S. Walter Stewart Library collection, on a six-months loan. A questionnaire on classical records was also sent to Thorncliffe to be filled in by borrowers indicating their particular tastes. We hope in this way to discover and satisfy the interests of Thorncliffe patrons.

Some people, accustomed to the free record borrowing services at other Metro libraries, only come to East York public libraries when the disc they want cannot be obtained free elsewhere.

7. DISPLAYS

The following displays were presented in the showcases:

Historical surveying instruments, books and photos from the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors.

Ceramics and handmade African masks.

Mahatma Gandhi - photographs, books, primitive spinning wheel, and a replica of his dwelling.

Collection of books and posters to advertise our resources of books in other languages.

Samples of 300 varieties of sand from around the world was loaned to us from a private collection.

The evolution of the automobile was displayed in photographs, charts and model cars, courtesy of the Ford Motor Company.

Summer displays included photographs of Quebec by the noted photographer Mie et Klaus, as well as posters and books, which revealed the beauty of Canada's vacation lands.

There were individual stage settings of Opera Canada's productions and of the 200th Anniversary of Beethoven,

A display of Indian masks and totem pole carvings by Marcel Stalder was impressive.

There was an interesting collection of photographs in colour of the Apollo 12 flight to the moon.

A display of records to coincide with compositions played by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra resulted in many requests for records.

A display of copper enamelling by the Group of Six, members of the North York Public Library staff, made an attractive exhibit.

B. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. MOVIES FOR THE FAMILY:

Coloured documentaries of various countries were shown on Tuesday evenings during January and February. Later there were programmes on Australia, Canada, the Sea, Charlie Chaplin, etc. The films were well publicized by posters and book-marks, and attendance has increased.

2. CHRISTMAS CAROL PROGRAMMES:

During December 1970, the library presented four Christmas Carol programmes in the evenings:

East York Collegiate Institute Blue & Gold Choir
St. Aloysius School Choir
East York Collegiate Institute Glee Club
Cosburn United Church Junior Choir and Teen Chorus.

3. ARTS BOARD CONCERTS:

January 18	St. Augustine Boys' Choir.
February 15	Lynn Heuer, cellist; Carolyn Sticken, flutist, and David Snable, violinist.
March 15	Bernard Dolan, violinist and Paul Martin, pianist.
October 18	Brian McGillvray, oboist and Lynn Blazer, soprano.
November 15	Earl Moss, pianist.

4. ADULT EDUCATION SERIES:

Youth in the Jungle
On January 15th, 1970, an Adult Education Programme on assistance to young people involved in Yorkville drug problems was presented by Mrs. Lalonde.

The Facts about Epilepsy
On January 29, 1970, Mr. D. R. Cuthbertson, Executive Director of the Epilepsy Information Centre presented a film and discussion of the problems which epileptics face.

Big Brother Association
The objectives and methods of the Big Brother Association were presented by Mr. Ben Solway on February 19th, 1970.

Films on Outer Space
On March 5th, 1970, Mr. Norman Menes presented his films and an excellent commentary.

Tour of Toronto
On October 15th, 1970, Mr. George Wiedemayer showed coloured slides of Toronto. He continued his showings on November 19th and completed them on November 26th, 1970.

5. PROGRAMME FOR RETARDED ADULTS:

Retarded adults, members of the Explorer Group, came for film showings in January, March and May. Short films were necessary. The group particularly enjoyed films of real animals or objects such as trains which they could identify. Also abstract films with vivid colour and action were popular. Several weeks before each visit, the Audio-Visual Department sent a letter to Mrs. Shipton giving detailed information about films to enable her to talk to the group about them.

C. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

1. LIBRARY SCHOOL STUDENT:
From March 2nd to 14th, 1970, Miss Jennifer Smith performed her practice training at S. Walter Stewart Library. She familiarized herself with every phase of library service and had actual experience in the work of every librarian.

2. ART EXHIBITS:
From March 13th to 31st, Mrs. E. B. Richards exhibited her own paintings and drawings and those of her handicapped students at Bendale Acres Home for the Aged.

Rugged wilderness landscapes of Northern Ontario by Mr. Lawrence Nickle were shown from April 6th to April 26th.

During May, an exhibit of oils, water colours, and sculpture created by students of East York Collegiate Institute produced considerable interest.

During October, a collection of children's portraits by Mrs. Jean Burgener was exhibited.

During the latter part of November and early December, Mrs. Greta Lillie's exhibit of drawings and watercolours showed scenes of Canada, Ontario and Toronto.

3. TOUR BY STUDENT NURSES:
On September 25th, 1970, a class of ninety student nurses from the East General Hospital were conducted on the annual tour of the library. Members of the class are making good use of library facilities.

4. DOMINION DAY PARADE:
The theme of the library float in 1970 was "The Wonderful World of Books". The winners of a contest for children, who were dressed in the costumes of their favourite story book character, rode on the float.

5. RED CROSS BLOOD DONOR CLINIC:
On February 4th, 1970, a Clinic was held in the auditorium during the afternoon and evening.

On July 16th, 1970, a second Clinic was held.

6. DANFORTH TECHNICAL SCHOOL:

On March 17th, 1970, Mr. J. Rempel brought a class from the Drafting Department who were working on a project to design a public library.

7. EAST YORK COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE:

On January 8th, 1970, the Director of Education in East York, the Principal, Heads of Departments, their assistants and the Head Librarian, visited the S. Walter Stewart Library. The purpose of the visit was to establish useful relationships between the school and the public library.

D. THE CHANGING ROLE OF THE S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY:

In four years, the S. Walter Stewart Library has changed from a single public library, to a Main library which, together with its former functions, has added duties and services to support the work performed in the branches.

When sickness, statutory holidays or annual vacations remove branch staff temporarily, replacements have to be made from the S. Walter Stewart Library staff, though the work required at the S. Walter Stewart Library must still be maintained.

S. Walter Stewart Library staff process all the branch interloan requests, as many as forty-five of which may come in from one branch on one delivery. These requests may require searching in the East York system, or teleprinted messages to other Metro systems, after bibliographic details have been carefully researched. Films have to be booked for all branch programmes, delivered, returned, cleaned and sent back to Metropolitan Central Library within set time limits. Records are purchased, processed and sent to branch collections. Branch book orders are verified and sent out by the staff here and the books processed on return from invoice clearance to final revision and delivery. Supplies are ordered, stored and sent out on requisition to the branches, vertical file material researched and bought for them and free material ordered. Roneo stencil requests for bookmarks, branch publicity and library hours are prepared and sent to the branches on request. The delivery service twice a week is administered by Main, sending out interloaned or new books, supplies, inter-library mail and so on. The delivery returns bring interloan requests, interloan books to be processed for return to Metropolitan Toronto Libraries, book transfers, book orders, films or other library material.

While this may not cover all the activities in the S. Walter Stewart Library which are undertaken on behalf of the branches, it may give some picture of the work involved, though it cannot give any idea of the problem in finding space for the effective performance of these added duties in a library whose system has grown so fast in so few years. When it comes to preparing for a new branch or an enlarged branch, the space problem becomes even more acute.

It is always a source of satisfaction to a Main library when its branches, which have received these benefits, improve their own services and increase their circulations significantly. The East York Public Library branches have all shown appreciable circulation increases for 1970, a testimony to the kind of service they are giving to their respective neighbourhoods. It is inevitable that this general public satisfaction with the branches should have syphoned off some of Main's former borrowers living in those neighbourhoods. Of course, the S. Walter Stewart Library staff are not happy with the slight drop in circulation, but are pleased to know that many more people are enjoying library services now in their own areas, and that a great deal of essential work performed in the S. Walter Stewart Library has contributed to the branches' success.

E. STAFF:

LIBRARIANS:

Mrs. Janet Bamford
Miss Lorraine BonEnfant
Mrs. Marnie Hodgson
Mrs. Phyllis Landon
Mrs. Alberta Pielsticker, Librarian-in-charge
Mrs. Debrah Scott
Miss Sheila A. Teerkott

CLERICALS:

Mrs. Esther Burns
Mrs. Muriel Freeman
Miss Karen Lawrence
Mrs. Dolly Pelovas
Mrs. Vera Petkovsky
Miss Libuse Stalmach
Mrs. Ruby Woodward
Mrs. Alexis Donohue, Secretary
Mrs. Alice Marsh, Bookkeeper
Mr. George Kendall, Building Superintendent

F. HOURS:

Monday to Friday	9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

L E A S I D E L I B R A R Y

BOYS AND GIRLS SERVICES:

A great many children attended the summer programme of story hours, handicrafts and movies. During the rest of the year handicrafts were included in the story hours.

A member of the Don Valley Art Club taught a special class on portrait painting in January which was enjoyed by children of all ages.

Pre-school library classes were held from January to May and from October to December.

In November the librarian gave a talk on books for pre-school children to the Leaside Presbyterian Church mothers' group.

All schools were invited to send classes for orientation visits to the public library. However, only one school accepted our invitation.

During 1970 the following programmes were arranged:

	Number	Attendance
Films	51	1462
Story Hours	55	661
Puppet Shows	5	402
Arts and Crafts	8	291
Pre-school Classes	61	775
School Classes	45	872

ADULT SERVICES:

In 1970, adult reference, requests and interlibrary loans have increased. Records are in great demand and have had a high turn-over. The library displays have been planned to meet current interests and to bring the many different subject categories to public attention. New acquisitions, selected with the needs and interests of the area in mind, have maintained the book collection in a satisfactory condition. The 1970 operation of the library has brought an increase of 16,536 in the year's adult and children circulation, and it is expected that with the improvements in carpeting and arrangements, the library will be even more attractive to its public in 1971.

IMPROVEMENTS:

A noticeable improvement in the appearance of the library has been the addition of new shelving, a carpet for the floor, and the repainting of the walls. The carpet in particular has changed the appearance and has had a beneficial side effect in reducing the noise level. The new layout is designed to keep the books in logical order i.e. Dewey numerical order for non-fiction, alphabetical order by author for fiction.

A cassette recorder, slide projector and filmstrip projector have been added to the library.

ART PRINTS:

Sixty Art Prints have been received from the Pallas Gallery in England, for circulation at Leaside Library.

ADULT PROGRAMMES:

As a result of the film evenings being held in the Centennial Building by the Parks and Recreation Department, attendance at our film evenings was very poor. It was decided to cease showings after fall, and to plan for activities related to the Art Exhibits.

ART ROOM:

A total of ten exhibitions were held during the year with the gallery closed for the summer months. It is impossible to state accurately how many people visited the exhibits as the visitors' book could not be left unattended, and many did not sign in any case. A conservative estimate would be at least 4,000 visitors over the year. It was noticeable that a great many more classes visited the gallery during the October exhibit when we had Mrs. Whiten in charge of the Art Room.

STAFF:

LIBRARIANS:

Mr. William R. Chamberlain, Librarian in charge
Mrs. Mary McRae
Miss Patricia Sullivan

CLERICALS:

Mrs. W. J. Carson
Miss Ann Gilmour
Mrs. Dell Humphreys
Miss Olivia Reymond

Mr. Robert M. Gadsden, Caretaker

HOURS:	Monday - Friday	9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

THORNCLIFFE BRANCH

During the first five months of 1970, circulation increased and interest rose in the progress of the new library under consfruction at 48 Thorncliffe Park Drive. By early spring almost everyone who came for books asked when the move would be made.

The new building was opened to the public on May 30th, 1970. The response from the Thorncliffe Park public was immediate and enthusiastic. From about 3,000 circulation per month in the small two-room branch, located in The Chapel In The Park, the circulation rose sharply, reaching over 11,000 in August.

The book stock brought from the rented quarters was augmented by large transfers prepared by the staff of the S. Walter Stewart and Leaside Libraries. New books, ordered to provide popular reading and to fill gaps in the collection, came slowly during the summer but by the end of the year, books came in a steady stream. Paperbacks were added, and a record collection started. The change to the new library not only gave space for study and reading in the adult department, but it provided for the children a room of their own, which had been quite impossible before. Now they can choose books from a large collection, enjoy story hours, films, puppet shows, art and craft programmes, and school class visits.

From June to December the following programmes were arranged:

	Number	Attendance
Films	29	716
Story Hours	28	305
Puppet Shows	5	290
Arts and Crafts	8	202
School Glasses	7	253

Adult programmes were arranged for the late fall but attendance was affected by bad weather.

Since the Thorncliffe Branch is located in an exclusively highrise apartment and business area, the needs and interests of the community may be different from the usual smaller library book collections and adult programmes. It is too early to determine this at present but close attention will be given to it.

STAFF: Mrs. Helen Scott, Librarian

Mr. Graeme Ellis, Clerical
Mrs. Jean Forsyth, Clerical

HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

WOODBINE GARDENS BRANCH

Service to the public in 1970 has continued to be to older people, young married couples with small children, and to the younger elementary school students. The size of the library precludes a more extensive service to students in their teens.

Woodbine Gardens Branch in the last year has acquired a more comprehensive adult collection and a good library for the younger children.

Programmes for young children have been arranged all through the year, a pleasure to both staff and children. In late fall a projector and screen was added to the library equipment. The monthly films are almost as popular as the puppet shows.

The 1970 programmes were:

	Number	Attendance
Films	10	269
Story Hours	36	399
Puppet Shows	7	475
Crafts	8	130
School Classes	5	147
Pre-school Classes	8	52

Library services are appreciated by the Woodbine Gardens public. The adults are uniformly pleasant and friendly, the children eager readers and easy to please. There is a very pleasant relationship between the public and the staff, and an informal, cheerful atmosphere in the branch. The increase in circulation reflects the improved book collection on the one hand, and on the other, the public directional signs and an increasing word-of-mouth advertising by the users of the branch.

STAFF:

Mrs. Aileen Klaehn, Librarian
Mrs. Violet Fillier, Clerical

HOURS:

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

TODMORDEN BRANCH

There has been a conspicuous increase in circulation in the Todmorden Branch during 1970. Rather more than the usual budget was spent on new books. This has paid off because Mrs. Hergott has been told many times during the year that borrowers can obtain books they want there and do not have to take the bus or walk to the S. Walter Stewart Library.

STAFF: Mrs. Mabel Hergott

HOURS:

Tuesday	1:00 - 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday	1:00 - 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 - 12:00 noon & 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

CENTRAL PARK LODGE

Every Monday afternoon is a highlight in the lives of the Senior Citizens at the Lodge, when they take out the books of their choice. Large print books are especially popular.

STAFF: Mrs. Mabel Hergott

HOURS: Monday 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

EAST YORK ACRES

Senior Citizens are served on Wednesday afternoons. Some of the grateful patrons speak of writing to the Library Board to thank them for this welcome service to them. A showing of coloured slides of the Rose Bowl Parade in California was thoroughly enjoyed.

STAFF: Mrs. Mabel Hergott

HOURS: Wednesday 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1970

1. The opening of Thorncliffe Branch Library to the public on May 30th, 1970.

   The official opening of Thorncliffe Branch Library on October 5th, 1970.

2. Celebration of the 10th anniversary of the S. Walter Stewart Library Building on October 3rd, 1970.

3. An overall increase in circulation for the system of 74,910.

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I should like to express my appreciation to the Board of East York Public Library for their consistent interest in all matters pertaining to the library and for their support and advice during 1970.

Respectfully submitted,

Bohus Derer
Chief Librarian