

EAST YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY



Annual Report

1989

CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Automation

In May, our Ultimate 3040 computer (named Korey in a staff contest) was installed. In July, all branches came online with our new automated public access catalogue. Earlier in 1989, the Library converted its card catalogue records into machine readable form, so the public access catalogue included 100,000 titles, about three times as many as were in the former microfilm catalogue. By the end of 1989, our first branch, Dawes Road, was up on the automated circulation system. The other three branches plus Todmorden Room will be added by mid 1990.

In February, the Library replaced its manual cataloguing system with an online one. The result during 1989 was a major improvement in the speed of getting books and other materials catalogued, processed and delivered to our branches for use by our patrons.

Hours of Service

In September 1989, our Dawes Road Branch added Sunday hours, which are now available at all four branches.

Writer-in-Libraries

Under the Writer-in-Libraries programme, funded by the Ministry of Culture and Communications, Kathy Stinson, a well-known author of children's and young adult books, was in residence at East York Public Library from January to July, 1989. She received a total of 112 manuscripts and 96 people attended 32 workshops at our branches, of which one was a week-long series. The programme was a success and the Library hopes to be able to have another Writer-in-Residence if funding becomes available.

Bey L. Grieve
Chief Librarian

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 1989

Audio-Visual Department

Compact discs continue to gain in popularity. The S. Walter Stewart and Leaside branches have growing collections of classical and jazz. Browsing video collections are thriving at the two larger branches and videos will be arriving at Thornccliffe and Dawes Road early in 1990. The 16mm Film Service continues to serve appreciative community groups.

In co-operation with the Children's Department, the A/V Department hosted a highly-popular visit by three cast members of the DeGrassi Junior High series. Another highlight of '89 was the concert by the Canadian Opera Company held during Opera Week in East York.

Multilingual Services

The East York Public Library works very closely with community groups, the Board of Education and other social agencies. At East York Day, a yearly event celebrating the multicultural nature of the community, we set up a display of library services available to all East Yorkers, especially the ethnic communities. This special event brings newcomers to the library and often results in new languages being added to our multilingual collections.



Members of the Canadian Opera Company at S. Walter Stewart during Opera Week in East York, October 1989.



Hon. Christine Hart visited S. Walter Stewart to conduct a Preschool Story Time during Public Library Week, October 1989.



1989 Writer-in-Residence Kathy Stinson with her creative writing class.

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

A full slate of activities for preschoolers, including Toddler Time and Preschool Story Time, drew maximum attendance at all branches, while older children enjoyed puppet clubs, applehead dollmaking, March Break specials, holiday activities and the popular summer theme programmes — in '89, dinosaurs provided the central theme for the many children's activities.

All branches are experiencing more demand for French materials in response to local French immersion programmes. French collections are being upgraded, and where possible, class visits are being offered.

Booklists

Booklists were updated and new lists created: 1989 saw the publication of a revised "Tales for Fourth Grade Somebodies", a new humour list, "Grins 'n Giggles", and one called "Dinosaur Daze" in support of the summer theme.

Automation has added an extra dimension to our services, and staff have been busy demonstrating our new capabilities to children and parents.

Joint Ventures

The Metro Children's Co-ordinators produced a booklet entitled "Easy to Read Picture Books to Share with Your Child". Copies have been distributed to daycares, nursery schools and other community agencies. Another highlight of '89 was the April workshop organized by the Metro Co-ordinators of Children's Services entitled "Canadian Publishing for Children", which examined Canadian children's publishing through the eyes of authors, publishers, illustrators, editors and suppliers.

Kids at the Library



Zanoni the Magician thrills a young member of the audience.



Totally absorbed in a Puppet Show.



Preschool — Class of '89

1989 AT A GLANCE

(EAST YORK 1989 POPULATION — 101,085)

		REVENUE	
		1988	1989
Circulation (All Materials)	800,965	Municipal Tax Levy \$ 2,464,875	\$2,679,046
Book Stock	239,806	Provincial Grant 297,116	312,326
Registration	19,790	Other (incl. Surplus/Deficit) 67,085	105,921
Reference Questions	36,154	TOTAL	\$ 2,829,076 \$ 3,097,293
		EXPENSES	
		1988	1989
		Books and Materials \$ 481,843	\$ 493,818
		Salaries and Benefits 1,789,084	1,943,611
		Utilities, Rent and Insurance 147,969	142,401
		Repairs and Maintenance 105,557	102,400
		Debentures 91,748	126,175
		Other 212,758	288,812
		TOTAL	\$ 2,828,959 \$ 3,097,217

LOCATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
Unit 34—2 Thorncliffe Park Drive 396-3800

S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY
170 Memorial Park Avenue 396-EYPL

LEASIDE LIBRARY
165 McRae Drive 396-3835

THORNCLIFFE LIBRARY
48 Thorncliffe Park Drive 396-3865

DAWES ROAD LIBRARY
416 Dawes Road 396-3820

TODMORDEN ROOM
Pape and Torrens Avenue 396-3875

BRANCH HEADS

ALICE LORRIMAN
S. Walter Stewart Library

INTA DOUGLAS
Leaside Library

PATRICIA GOODFELLOW
Thorncliffe Library

NANCY CHAVNER
Dawes Road Library

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