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Public Library Board



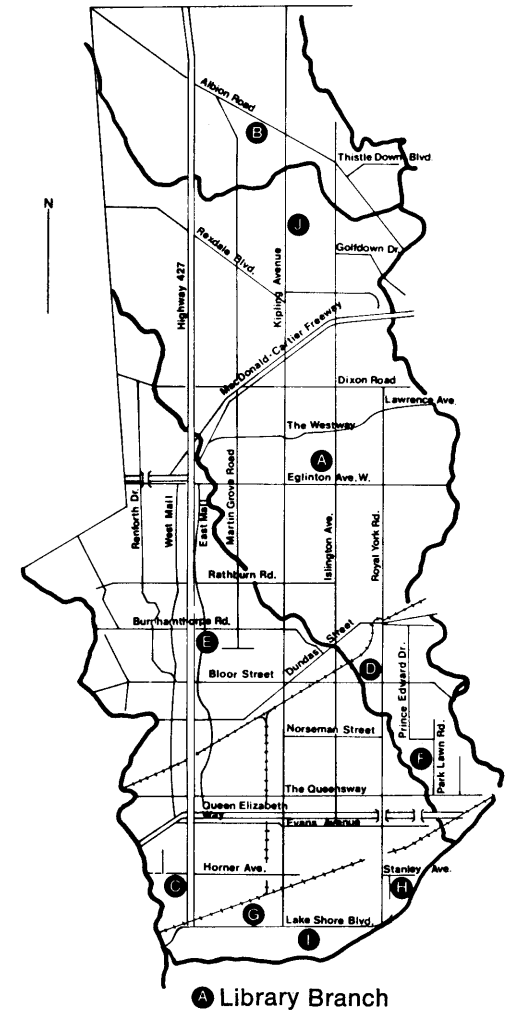
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Etobicoke Public Libraries

A	Richview	Islington Avenue Tel. 248-5681 Postal Box 501, M9C 4V5 Address: Etobicoke	Administration Headquarters Librarian: Public Service Mrs. Vivian Newman
B	Albion	1515 Albion Road Tel. 741-7734	Librarian: Mrs. Cleo Stewart
C	Alderwood	525 Horner Avenue Tel. 251-5921	Librarian: Mrs. Grace Bell
D	Brentwood	36 Brentwood Road North Tel. 233-2105	Librarian: Miss Dorothy Dixon
E	Eatonville	430 Burnhamthorpe Road Tel. 622-2840	Librarian: Mrs. Charlotte Fee
F	Humber Bay	200 Park Lawn Road Tel. 251-7721	Librarian: Mrs. Sue Wilbur
G	Long Branch	3500 Lake Shore Blvd. West Tel. 251-5481	Librarian: Mr. Bert Crandall
H	Mimico Centennial	47 Station Road Tel. 259-8489	Librarian: Mrs. Lorna Esling
I	New Toronto	110 Eleventh Street Tel. 259-3971	Librarian: Mrs. Betty Ann Dzida
J	Rexdale	2243 Kipling Avenue Tel. 741-1170	Librarian: Mrs. Betty Doyle
	Bookmobile Service	Schedule available Tel. 248-5681	Librarian: Mrs. Pat L'Abbe



Working For and With the Community.



*"No man was ever
wise by chance"*

The newest member of the Etobicoke Public Library system, **Albion District Library** opened in May 73, and within this short space of time, it is already the second busiest library in the system, surpassed only by Richview.

Architecturally and conceptually designed as a "People" library, with a wide inviting exterior and warm vibrant colours inside, the 31,705 sq. ft. library has become a focal point within the community.

Although Albion Library has a projected book stock of 125,000 volumes, a full range of audio-visual services and materials such as; tapes, films, records, cassettes, listening carrels, cable television, a film preview room and other related facilities are provided.

Response from the public to this collection has been impressive. In seven months, 17,275

audio-visual items and 178,041 books, periodicals and pamphlets have been circulated.

To meet the pressure of demand for non-print materials, Albion Library's initial non-print collection of 3,000 records and over 300 tapes is being built up.

Use of library materials throughout the Etobicoke Public Library system increased.

Most dramatically the circulation of **non-print materials** almost doubled, offsetting a small drop in the circulation of print materials.

Collections at all Etobicoke libraries are steadily growing in breadth and depth, making possible a better response to community needs for materials and services.

Both of Canada's languages are represented in the Etobicoke collection. There are small collections of French language books in both the Adult and Boys and Girls Departments of the library.

The district libraries; Albion, Richview, and Brentwood have newspapers and magazines in French and the Audio-Visual Departments a catalogue of French language films. As a result of a provincial grant made to the Metropolitan Library Board in 1973 it is hoped that this area of service can be extended in the coming year.

The Etobicoke library system also acquires books in German, Italian and Ukrainian and in 1973 supplemented these, by borrowing on extended loan, books in fourteen different languages from the Metropolitan Languages Centre.

Working for and with the community is the *raison d'être* of the Etobicoke Public Libraries. Progress and planning are geared to meeting the multi-varied needs of the people each serves.

This is illustrated by the almost 40,000 residents who visited the libraries over the year for weekly adult film programmes, handicrafts, jazz appreciation, and the meetings of several interest groups like the Etobicoke General Hospital Auxiliary, Great Books Discussion Group, and the University Women's Club.

We have now reached the point where many of the public meeting rooms are being fully utilized.

Throughout the year children found much to interest them in the easy relaxed atmosphere of the Etobicoke Libraries. Programmes for them included; demonstrations by trained German shepherd dogs, Billy-The-Clown antics, pioneer spinning, folk singing and puppet shows. One of the most popular programmes has been the pre-school story hour which has been attended over the year by more than 15,000 children.

Among the school class visits reported, a significant number are "special classes" who visit the library on a more or less regular basis. They include classes for emotionally disturbed, handicapped or other children with special needs. They come from both the school system and Thistletown Regional Centre.

Not all programmes for children are held in the libraries. In 1973 librarians visited some Ontario Housing Centres and day care centres to bring pre-school story hours to children.

Library — Community activities broadened the scope of library interaction with the community. During the summer the Library in conjunction with the Etobicoke Department of Health, presented a successful programme on dental care in nine of its branches. A blood donor clinic, illustrated talks, Humber College's

Canadian Antiques series and visits by school groups brought together concerned people from within the community. This community attended nearly 3,000 special events in the library and 280,457 viewed library borrowed films.

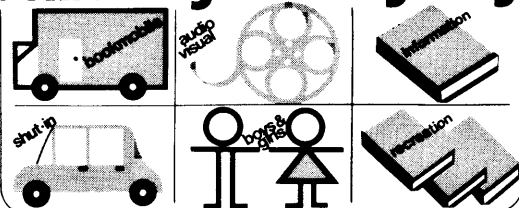
In catering for people's needs, the Etobicoke Public Library is particularly sensitive to the needs of the old and the handicapped. For instance, Albion District Library was designed to provide easy ground floor access to the physically handicapped and elderly.

A successful **Shut-In service** is now in its third year and from its headquarters at Brentwood Library, it provides a regular supply of reading and other materials to those who are sick, invalid, or unable to leave home. This is made possible through the help of some forty volunteers who deliver the materials in their spare time.

This year, as in the past, the community used its libraries well . . . borrowing over two million books, periodicals & pamphlets, and almost 122,000 audio-visual items. And as the Etobicoke Public Library approaches its quarter century mark, it continues to plan its growth according to the needs of the community it serves.

etobicoke public library

something for everybody!



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SYMPHONY STREET with Miles Hearn, french horn

Sat. December 15
two performances
2:00 p.m., 2:45 p.m.

Children 5-9 yrs. old



Free Tickets available in
Richview B&G Dept.
Richview Library
1806 Islington Ave./
Summitcrest Drive.

Together with the Etobicoke Public Library this event is sponsored by
the Toronto Symphony Junior Women's Committee.

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WINE MAKING

DEMONSTRATION OF
WINE MAKING BY
MR. E.G. ARTHUR

thursday

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in
p.m.

MIMICO CENTENNIAL THEATRE

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Statistics '73

During the year the Etobicoke Public Library spent nearly 3 million dollars, loaned over 2¼ million books, periodicals and audio-visual materials, purchased over \$441,737 worth of new books, periodicals and audio-visual materials, and opened Albion District Library.

And all of it they did for you.

CIRCULATION

Books, periodicals and pamphlets	2,108,769
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Audio-visual materials	122,216
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INTERLIBRARY LOANS

Borrowed	3,667
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Loaned	3,147
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LIBRARY MATERIALS

Book stock	559,381
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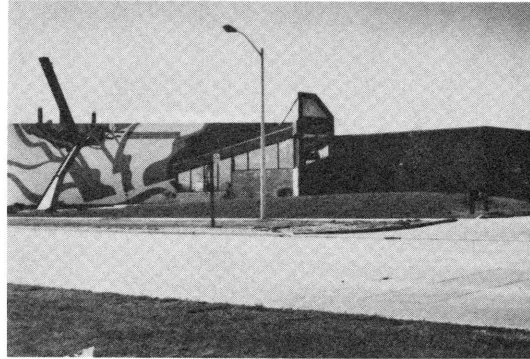
Audio-visual materials (records, films, slides, film strips, & cassettes)	21,934
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Attendance at special library programmes	53,858
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Attendance at film programmes by the community	280,457
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Financial Report '73



Albion District Library

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REVENUE

Borough Tax Levy	\$2,263,238
Provincial Grant	378,975
Other receipts	119,653
Balance from 1972	27,547
TOTAL	\$2,789,413

EXPENDITURES

Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$1,724,535
Library Materials	459,629
Other Operating Costs	298,888
Fixed & Capital	255,925
TOTAL	\$2,738,977

A calendar of events listing programmes and other activities is published each month and distributed through the libraries.

Brochures and posters describing specific library services are available at all Etobicoke outlets.



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