

1965

ANNUAL REPORT

EAST YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mr. Bohus Derer,
Chief Librarian.

We are pleased to submit our annual report
covering the operation of East York Public
Library during 1965.

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A. PROFESSIONALS

Miss Dorothy Ashbridge	-May 31, 1965
Mr. Bohus Derer	June 1, 1965-
Mrs. Ellen Sharf	-May 31, 1965
Mrs. Helen MacMillan	June 1, 1965-
Miss Elizabeth C. English	
Mrs. Alberta Pielsticker	
Miss Sheila Teerkott	
Miss Marcy McNair	June 1, 1965-
Mrs. Sharon Illingworth	September 21, 1965-
Mrs. Amabelle Pitt	

B. CLERICAL ASSISTANTS

Miss Sharon Gagen	
Mrs. Mabel Hergott	
Mrs. Dolly Pelovas	
Mrs. Joan Oppertshauser	
Miss Jean Bennett	
Mrs. Joan Ferry	March 9, 1965-
Miss Libby Stalmach	September 1, 1965-

C. BUILDING SUPER INTENDENT

Mr. George Kendall

D. PART-TIME

(a) LIBRARIANS

Mrs. Julia Terblanche	
Mrs. Jane Ameline	-October 10, 1965
Mrs. Elizabeth Piersol	
Miss Isobel McArton	-December 31, 1965

(b) ASSISTANT

Mrs. Kaye Schatz

(c) BOOKKEEPER

Mrs. Alice Marsh

E. PAGES

Burgelis, Laima

Chapman, Joy

Comartin, Rosemary

Ellis, Lynne

Fertuck, Judy

Gill, Charles

Hagen, Marilyn

Jensen, Erik

Kerr, Glen

Leneve, Bob

Roberts, Judy

Thompson, Sharon

Tumminieri, Tony

S T A T I S T I C S

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1965

Circulation	320,233
Number of hours open per week	60½
Total number of hours open	3,008½
Average circulation per hour	106
Record circulation:	
Monday	1,340
Tuesday	1,491
Wednesday	1,776
Thursday	3,046
Friday	1,043
Saturday	1,865
Week	10,271
Month	31,629
Book Collection:	
Adult	42,792
Juvenile	18,546
Total	61,338
Registered Borrowers:	
Adult	14,752
Juvenile	17,878
Total	32,630
Loan Period:	3-4 weeks; from June 1 - Sept. 15, if going out of town.
Number of reserves made by borrowers	1,200
Number of Interloans	454

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

A. REGULAR ACTIVITIES

1. BOOK COLLECTION

We are concentrating on building up our Circulating and Reference collections, especially in the fields of technology, literary criticism, and history.

2. VERTICAL FILE

Our vertical file has been extended to six cabinets, and is invaluable for reference work.

3. SENIOR SCHOOL CLASS VISITS

We had 39 grade eight classes for book talks in the library. Both teachers and students tell us that these visits are most beneficial. There was a total of 1,188 students in the classes, which were spread over the spring and fall seasons. We also gave short talks to 20 classes at the East York Collegiate Institute during February and March 1965.

4. BOYS AND GIRLS ACTIVITIES

During the year the juvenile book collection has grown to 18,152 at the end of November. Particular attention was paid to the history collection this year. The picture book collection was rigorously weeded, which will necessitate reconsideration of these books during 1966. So far, 66 story hours have been held with a total attendance of 1,184 children. There were ten puppet shows, attended by 1,243 children and 88 adults. A series of pre-school story hours were held during the spring - 241 children were at nine programs. Four film shows were held, 315 children were present. During July the boys and girls room moved into new quarters downstairs. There have been 306 classes at the library and 40 have been visited.

5. REFERENCE

The following are typical requests which we have answered with material from Vertical File or book collection:

- a. Programmed learning
- b. Astronauts
- c. Ku Klux Klan
- d. Perfumes
- e. Die casting
- f. Cities of the future
- g. Tanning of leather
- h. Medical electronics
- i. Alaska boundary dispute
- j. American universities
- k. Prayers for children
- l. Flying saucers
- m. How to make a fireplace.

6. RECORDS AND FILMS

More than 2,500 records have been borrowed by our patrons during the year. Our two movie projectors and film collection are in continual use by our borrowers.

7. EAST YORK ACRES

One staff member went regularly to East York Acres on Tuesday evenings to supply the senior citizens with library service.

8. DISPLAYS

Our display cases contained exhibits on the theatre, art, music, Young Canada Week, a mineral collection, handicrafts, etc.

9. PUBLICITY

Press Releases are mailed out to daily and local newspapers, television and radio stations, as well as to all interested persons and groups, two weeks before the program takes place.

B. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

1. BOYS AND GIRLS DOWNSTAIRS

During the summer of 1965 we enlarged the quarters of the Adult library so that it now includes the former Boys & Girls Room. Therefore, we now have a room for quiet research work, which is a great advantage.

2. YOUNG PEOPLE - Non-Fiction

Young People - Non-Fiction has been interfiled with Adult.

3. TODMORDEN ROOM

We expanded library services by adding Juvenile books to the stock at the Todmorden Room.

C. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. ART EXHIBITS

We had a large Art Exhibit in the auditorium during the spring consisting of works owned by East York residents. We also had a three-week Art Exhibit by a local artist, Mr. Tiura.

2. SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Scarborough College Model has been on display in the library, by courtesy of Scarborough College.

3. PLAY-READING GROUPS

We conducted fourteen play readings on Monday evenings. An average of ten people attended the readings. The plays chosen ranged from Shakespeare and Shaw to the moderns - Brecht, Ionesco and Fry, with Noel Coward providing comic relief. Coffee and cookies were served to the members during the discussion periods which followed the readings.

4. ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

We started Adult Education Programmes with an illustrated travel talk in the auditorium by Miss True Davidson, and one by Mrs. Marjorie McEnaney of the CBC. On December 1, 1965 we arranged our first Great Religions Discussion on Buddhism. Following a film, Professor Warder, Head of the Department of Far Eastern Studies of the University of Toronto, and Mr. Morgan Harris, a representative of the Toronto Buddhist Church, conducted a lively discussion.

5. CHRISTMAS CAROLS

We arranged five evenings of Christmas Carols presented by local schools and the Nurses' Choir of the Toronto East General Hospital.

6. COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The auditorium has been used for slide shows, public meetings, and meetings of East York organizations.

D. STAFF ACTIVITIES

1. STAFF MEETINGS

A monthly regular staff meeting is arranged to keep all members informed of library business. Additional meetings are arranged as required. The Librarian makes it a practice to meet with staff members individually once a month.

2. STAFF IN-TRAINING PROGRAMME

We had two sessions:

- a. How to answer the telephone
- b. How to deal with people.

At both sessions we had a film and a lively and profitable discussion.

Six staff members had a training session to become acquainted with the operation of film projectors, reflectoscope, and slide-projectors for our future activities.

3. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

One member of our staff served on the 150 Book List Committee, one on Book Selection Committee, two on Boys & Girls Monday Sessions, one on Young People's Work Committee which is also revising the present edition of Books for Youth. Some attended OLA convention, and some attended CLA convention. One member is Chairman - CLA Children's Book award committee.

E. SPECIAL EVENTS

1. CAREERS EXPOSITION

The Careers Exposition was held in the East York Sports Centre from May 17 to May 21, 1965. Our library maintained a booth decorated with posters, books, and pamphlets. Some folders were distributed and questions answered. Several students, including one of our pages, showed definite interest in going to Library School.

2. ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner was held on Saturday, December 4th, at the Westbury Hotel, and was attended by Board Members and Staff.

3. DOMINION DAY PARADE

As usual, our Library entered a float in the East York Dominion Day Parade. In the competition for the best float, our entry won third prize for the first time in our history.

4. FLAGS.

During the Canadian Library Association Convention, the Dominion Day Parade, and the Reeve's talk of July 7th, we flew the flags of Jamaica and India in addition to our Canadian, Ontario and Commonwealth flags. The new flags created considerable interest among our patrons, and books on flags were borrowed. The East York Police Department also expressed interest in the flags.

5. RED CROSS BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

The summer blood donor clinic was held in our library auditorium on July 26th and was attended by 181 donors.

6. VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY

The East York Public Library was visited by several distinguished persons, among whom were:

- a. Mr. P. Matte, Minister of Cultural Affairs, Quebec City.
Miss J. Varegg, Librarian, Oslo, Norway.
Mr. Jules Bazin, Chief Librarian, Montreal Public Library.
Mr. J. M. Donaldson and Mr. W. M. Drummond; architects
from Montreal, making plans for a new library.
- b. Sixty teachers, who were taking a Playground Leaders Course at the local Teachers College, visited our library.
- c. A group of 80 delegates from the CLA Convention toured our library on June 29th. Each delegate received a book bag and a pen bearing the name of the East York Public Library as a souvenir.
- d. The student nurses of the Toronto East General Hospital School of Nursing toured our library on September 16th.
- e. On November 15th, twelve girls of the Ranger Group, from Grade 9 to Grade 12 level, visited our library with their group leader.

7. TELEVISION

CBLT filmed a sequence on sound tape on retarded children, on November 20th, in the East York Public Library. The program, which will be shown on Channel 6, is called 'One in a Hundred'.

The East York Public Library has a long and enviable record of service to the Community of East York; it is held in high esteem by all. Our former Chief Librarian, Miss Dorothy Ashbridge, has done a great deal to create goodwill and respect for our library. She will always be remembered for her outstanding abilities and community spirit.

To preside over such a library carries with it a dignity and prestige that is a real responsibility. I am most appreciative of the opportunity the library board has given me to render service to this thriving community of East York. We have an excellent, well-trained, and able staff, a beautiful building, and a generous budget. We are very fortunate indeed.

I should like to thank the East York Public Library Board for their understanding, support, and co-operation; and the Staff of East York Public Library for their hard work and enthusiasm which made 1965 a busy, but successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bohus Derer,
Chief Librarian.

Date: Dec. 4th. 1965

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARIES - 1965 Progress Report and 1966 Work Plans.

Division: Branches Section or Branch East York Public Lib.
Department: East York Section or Branch Head Bohus Derer

Part I - Summary Progress Report for 1965 - Adult & Boys & Girls

Jan. - Development of the Collection or Service.
Dec.

January - December, 1965:

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PART II - Proposed work for 1966 - Adult and Boys & Girls.

PROPOSED FOR 1966 - BOYS AND GIRLS DEPT.

During the next year the childrens room will continue to serve the public to the best of its ability.

I hope that there will be installed wall shelving in the boys in the new room which are as yet, without them. We will continue to have story hours every Saturday and every day during school holidays. A pre-school program will be a feature of our life again next spring.

Much of the present book stock needs pruning as a great deal of it is original stock.

If a branch is added a part of the present book stock will be set aside for the purpose. There will of course, be a large quantity of new books needs as well, particularly in the picture book field.

If need be, and provided that our board would agree, we would be prepared to administer the remaining school libraries in East York.

ADULT DEPT.

1. Continuation of all activities outlined in part one.
2. Continued development of book collection, weeding out-of-date material and its replacement, making the maximum use of present collection.
3. The East York Public Library Board is considering opening a branch library in the eastern part of East York Township. I am recommending that we rent two stores at Glencrest Plaza and open community Branch in June 1966. It would contain both Adult and Juvenile book collections of about 20,000 as well as basic reference books. In the event of a new Branch, 2 librarians and 3 assistants will be required. As soon as the decision by our library board is taken, I shall contact T.P.L. and discuss the details.
4. Because Boys and Girls dept. is now downstairs an increase in staff of the Boys and Girls, librarian and 2 assistants would be desirable for our library, to cover day and evening schedules for both depts.
5. We plan to continue our Play-readings program on Monday evenings.
6. We plan to continue our Great Religious Discussions on the 1st. Wednesday of each month. On January 5th. 1966 we shall discuss Hinduism. We shall have a film leading into discussion and Mr. P. Rajaram from the India Government Office will be the speaker to answer questions. On February 2nd 1966 we shall discuss Islam. On March 2nd, 1966 we shall discuss Christianity. Afterwards we may continue with Christian denominations.

- 7 The following activities are under consideration.
- a. Poetry readings.
 - b. Meet the Authors' sessions.
 - c. Literary group discussions.
 - d. 3 evenings on Automation and computers, with films and experts.
 - e. Hydro's entry into nuclear field conducted by Ontario Hydro.
 - f. Supersonic Flights of Tomorrow, conducted by Air-Canada.
 - g. Communication of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. conducted by the Bell Telephone Company.
- etc.
8. We plan continuous Art Exhibits in our Auditorium.