

YORK TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD

Report 1946

The York Township Public Library Board begs to submit the following report of activities for 1946:

Two important steps in the expansion of library services in the Township took place. In March, 1946 a lot was purchased by the Board. It is at the corner of Northcliffe Boulevard and Eglinton Avenue and is considered a promising location for the erection of a library building when finances and building conditions permit.

In May the second step was taken when a five year lease was arranged for the former Bank of Commerce Building at Vaughan Road and Oakwood Avenue. The ground floor was suitable for a small library if redecorated and fitted with shelves, so tenders were called. The Board is proud of the job done by Mr. S.H.B. Tonkin, a local contractor, who in spite of many difficulties succeeded in completing the work in September.

On September 7th Township officials and their wives were invited to inspect the new Vaughan-Oakwood Branch and on Monday, September 9th it was opened to the public. Many favourable comments were made on the attractive appearance of the new library and articles appeared in the Evening Telegram, the St. Clair Leader and the Ontario Library Review. The last mentioned, a periodical that goes to libraries throughout the Province, used a photograph of the interior for the cover of the November issue.

The room is finished with pale turquoise walls, white ceiling and silver-grey shelves and furniture. Books representing a wide range of interests fill the shelves and new lighting fixtures provide good illumination so that the many interesting titles may be easily examined. Bright book jackets, posters and plants add colour.

Public response was most gratifying on opening day. Two hundred and twenty-four members (of whom 134 were children) registered between 2 and 8 o'clock. During the first weeks the rush of new patrons was so great that members were limited to one book to a card so that all would be supplied. As many as 320 persons visited the library in one day.

At the Mount Dennis Branch several hundred worn-out volumes were withdrawn from the shelves and 684 new books were added. The staff members at this branch mended and rebacked 715 volumes. 438 new members registered during the year -- 153 adults and 285 children -- and the circulation followed the trend in other libraries. Reading of fiction fell off but non-fiction and children's books had a larger circulation than in 1945.

In both branches there was a heavy demand for books in the useful arts class: building, machine-shop work, salesmanship, etc. Biography and history were popular and there was an unusually keen interest in books on art and music at the Oakwood Branch. Sample questions asked were:

"Where can I find out how to build a motor-boat?"

"Have you something on how to feed tropical fish?"

"What are the names of the steps used in ballet?"

Future plans include the operation of a bookmobile, fitted with inside shelves and lights and capable of carrying about 2500 books. It is hoped that it will be completed in the early summer of 1947 to visit those parts of the Township without libraries at present and to give temporary service where a diligent search has failed to find suitable buildings or property either for rent or for sale. Plans have also been made to renovate the Scott Road Fire Hall, now used as Hydro storage, so that it may be used as an auxiliary book depot and bookmobile headquarters.

The Board wishes to express its gratitude to the members of the staff who have worked to make the library a success; to Miss Gregory, the Chief Librarian who has undertaken much of the planning and book selecting; to Mrs. Irving and Mrs. Fargher who have been in attendance at Mount Dennis throughout the year; to Mrs. Beaumont who joined the staff from the clerical department of the Toronto Public Library when the Vaughan-Oakwood Branch opened; and to our part-time workers Mrs. Grier and Mrs. Whalley whose previous experience with the Toronto Public Library has made them invaluable. Mr. George Hinton, our Secretary-Treasurer has carried out his duties most conscientiously and efficiently.

The following is a statistical report:

<u>Report of Circulation, January-December, 1946.</u>				
	<u>Non-Fiction</u>	<u>Fiction</u>	<u>Boys &amp; Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mount Dennis	3,879	25,296	8,434	37,609
Oakwood				
Sept. 9-Dec.31	<u>2,205</u>	<u>5,753</u>	<u>7,728</u>	<u>15,686</u>
	6,084	31,049	16,162	53,295
<u>Book Collection, December 31st, 1946.</u>				
Mount Dennis	2,656	2,377	1,273	6,306
Oakwood	<u>1,835</u>	<u>1,447</u>	<u>1,289</u>	<u>4,571</u>
Total	4,491	3,824	2,562	10,877

Library Board, 1946

Mr. Laurence E. Grigg (Chairman)

Reeve F. J. MacRae

Mr. George E. Evans

Dr. S. Harper

Mr. Fred T. McDermott

Secretary-Treasurer--Mr. George Hinton

Librarian -- Miss E. Gregory

OFFICIAL OPENING

OF THE

MAIN LIBRARY

TOWNSHIP OF YORK

BY

MR. ANGUS MOWAT, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
LIBRARY SERVICE, ONTARIO DEPARTMENT  
OF EDUCATION.

MARCH 21ST, 1951

AT 8 P.M.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
TOWNSHIP OF YORK

Laurence E. Grigg, *Chairman*

W. G. Beech, Reeve F. T. McDermott, K.C.

Dr. S. Harper F. J. MacRae, K.C.

George Hinton, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Evelyn Gregory, *Chief Librarian*

Albert E. Vine, *Architect*

Finlay W. McLachlan, Ltd., *Contractors*

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Opening remarks by the Chairman of the Public Library Board, Mr. Laurence E. Grigg.

Mr. Grigg will ask F. J. MacRae, K.C., to introduce the Reeve, W. G. Beech.

Address by Reeve Beech.

Statement by the Chief Librarian, Miss Evelyn Gregory.

Miss Gregory will introduce Mr. Angus Mowat, Director of Public Library Service Ontario Department of Education.

Address and official opening by Mr. Mowat.

Miss Janet Murray, Boys and Girls Librarian for York Township, will present a book to Mr. Mowat.

*God save the King*

*The building will be open for inspection until 10.30 p.m.*

The York Township Public Library Board

takes great pleasure in inviting you  
to the

Opening of the new Bookmobile

on Wednesday, February the fourth  
at Oakwood Avenue and Vaughan Road

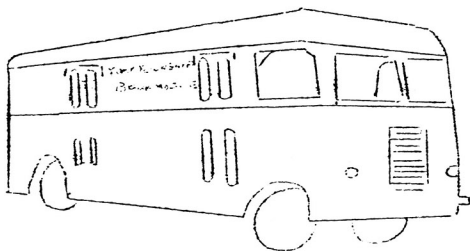
The Bookmobile may be inspected from three to six o'clock  
and tea will be served in the York Township Public  
Library, 507 Oakwood Avenue, Toronto

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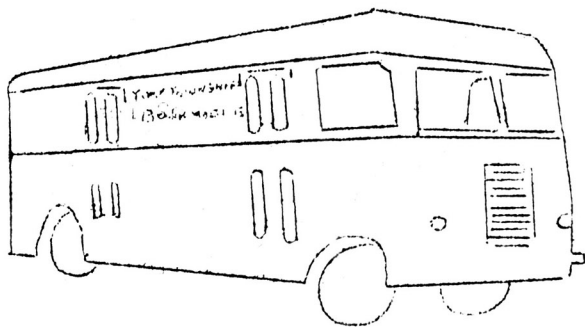
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B O O K M O B I L E



# York Township Bookmobile

## Time-Table

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Ava Road & Everden	Tuesday	3.00- 5.00 p.m.
Bexley & Pendeen	Friday	3.30- 5.00
Caledonia & Corby	Friday	12.00- 1.30
Cordella Avenue	Friday	11.30-11.45
Cynthia Drive	Friday	2.30- 3.15
Keele & Clearview Heights	Thursday	3.15- 5.30
Keele & Clearview Heights	Saturday	2.00- 3.30
(Adults & pre-school children accompanied by parents)		
Lambton Park (Eileen & Lydon)	Thursday	12.00- 1.30
Leigh & Northland	Monday	3.00- 5.00
Pinewood & Valewood	Tuesday	11.00- 1.15
Scott Road & Dun- raven	Monday	6.30- 8.00
(Adults & pre-school children accompanied by parents)		
Scott Road & Dun- raven	Saturday	9.30-11.00
Times & Castlefield	Saturday	11.30-12.30
warren Park	Monday	1.00- 2.00



# York Township Public Library

## Bookmobile

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This vehicle has been in operation since February 9th, 1948.

Circulation - In 8 years -  
348,947 books for boys & girls.  
125,696 books for adults; a  
total of 474,643, or nearly  
half a million volumes.

Book stock - (1948) - 7,057 volumes  
(1955) - 14,560 "

Staff - One Librarian, One Driver-Clerk,  
One Clerical Assistant.

Cost - (1948) - \$11,291, plus \$362 for  
installation of Hydro outlets.  
Chassis is International Har-  
vester; body is custom built  
by Smith Motor Bodies.

Mileage - It has travelled 19,250 miles  
to serve the weekly stops in  
York Township. Weekly mileage  
is about 52.

Major repairs In 1954 corroded metal at base  
of body was replaced by new  
strip, interior was painted  
and new linoleum was put on  
floor. Total cost was \$368.  
Only 3 stops have been missed  
through mechanical difficulties  
in 8 years.

Yearly costs (1955)  
Gas, oil & repairs- \$332.60  
Hydro for lights - 9.00  
Insurance (collision,  
public liability,  
insurance on books  
carried in bus) - 204.18

