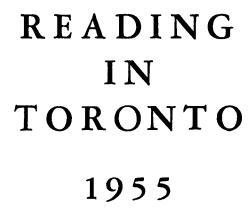
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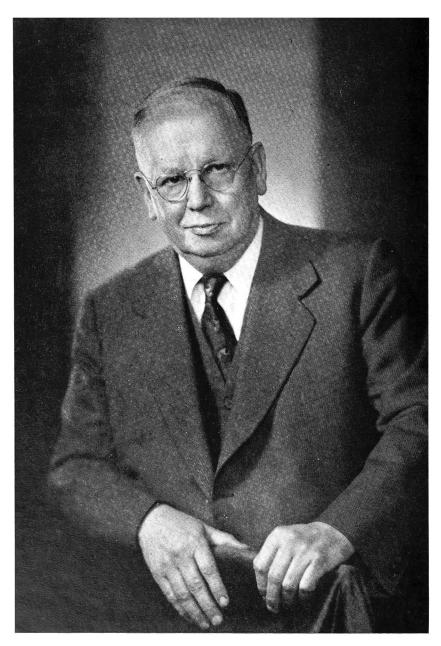
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TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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"Libraries are the collected memory of mankind."

— VISCOUNT SAMUEL



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Boys and Girls House

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Central Circulating Library

20 St. George Street. Open 9 a.m. to 8.30 p.m., including Music Library. Central Reading Room (College Street entrance) open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Beaches Branch

2161 Queen Street East, near Lee Avenue. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Bloor and Gladstone Branch

1089 Bloor Street West, at Gladstone Avenue. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8,30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8,30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Danforth Branch

701 Pape Avenue, near Danforth Avenue. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Deer Park Branch

40 St. Clair Avenue East, at Alvin Avenue. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Downtown Branch

39 King Street West, near Bay. Open every day but Saturday, from 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on Saturdays.

Earlscourt Branch

1625 Dufferin Street, south of and near St. Clair Avenue. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Eastern Branch

137 Main Street, near Gerrard. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

George H. Locke Memorial Branch

3083 Yonge Street, at Lawrence Avenue East. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Gerrard Branch

1432 Gerrard Street, at Ashdale Avenue. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

High Park Branch

228 Roncesvalles Avenue, at Wright Avenue. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Parliament Street Branch

406-410 Parliament Street, at Gerrard East. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's Room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Queen and Lisgar Branch

1115 Queen Street West, at Lisgar Street. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Riverdale Branch

370 Broadview Avenue, at Gerrard East. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Runnymede Branch

2178 Bloor Street West, at Glendonwynne Avenue. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

St. Clements Branch

14 St. Clements Avenue, at Yonge Street. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Western Branch

145 Annette Street facing Medland Street. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Wychwood Branch

1431 Bathurst Street, near St. Clair Avenue. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

Yorkville Branch

22 Yorkville Avenue, north side, near Yonge Street. Open every day but Wednesday, from 12 noon to 8,30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Children's room, 2 to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 to 12 noon and 2 to 6 p.m.

John Ross Robertson and Loan Picture Collections

20 St. George Street (entrance through Circulating Library). Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

East York

East York Public Library, 833 Coxwell Avenue, at Mortimer. Open every day but Wednesday from 12 noon to 8.30 p.m.; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. (Administered on behalf of East York Township).

Forest Hill

Forest Hill Public Library, Chaplin Crescent, north of Eglinton Avenue. Open Monday and Friday 2 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 2 to 6 p.m. (Administered on behalf of Forest Hill Village).

HOSPITAL LIBRARIES **Queen Elizabeth Hospital**

130 Dunn Avenue. Library open and wards visited on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Runnymede Hospital

274 St. John's Road. Library open and wards visited on Friday.

Sunnybrook Military Hospital

Sunnybrook Park, Bayview. Open 12.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Monday through Friday; on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

TRAVELLING LIBRARIES

Deposit libraries are provided in the following Homes for the Aged: Belmont House; Church Home for the Aged; Ewart House; House of Providence; Ina Grafton Gage United Church Home; Julia Greenshields Home; Lambert Lodge; Laughlen Lodge; Strachan House; Sunset Lodge Aged Ladies' Home; Tweedsmuir House. Also in the Cerebral Palsy Workshop; Humewood House; Mercer Reformatory for Women; Mount Sinai Hospital; Victor Home; William E. Coutts Co., Ltd.

ADDITIONAL BOYS AND GIRLS LIBRARIES Hospital for Sick Children

University Avenue. Library open and wards visited on Tuesday and Thursday.

St. Christopher House Library

67 Wales Avenue. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2.30 to 5 p.m.

University Settlement Library

23 Grange Road. Open Tuesday and Thursday, 2.30 to 5 p.m.

School Libraries

Libraries are administered in the following schools:

Brant Street; Bruce; Davenport; Davisville; Earl Beatty; Eglinton; Essex; General Mercer; Grace; Hodgson; Maurice Cody; Morse Street; Niagara; Oriole Park; Perth Avenue; Queen Victoria; Rose Avenue; Rosedale; Sackville; St. Brigid's; St. Clair; St. Mary's; Shirley; Sunny View; Whitney.

East York Boys and Girls Libraries

Central Branch—R. H. McGregor School. Open Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Eastern Branch - Oak Park School. Open Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to

Western Branch-William Burgess School. Open Monday, 1.30 to 5 p.m.

and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Selwyn-St. Clair School Branch. Open Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bennington Heights School Branch. Open Monday, 1.30 to 5 p.m.

Cosburn Junior High School Branch. Open Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Westwood Junior High School Branch. Open Monday, 1 to 4.30 p.m., Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

All Libraries are closed on statutory holidays.

Business Office Telephone, WAlnut 2-1151 (connecting all Departments of the Central building). After 5.30 p.m. direct connections are made as shown by the telephone directory.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1955

To the members of the Toronto Public Library Board:

In the Annual Report for 1955 from the librarian in charge of the Parliament Street Branch, there is the following: "A student from De La Salle school had a sheet of instructions issued to Grade 9. According to it, each student was to provide himself with gym shoes, swimming trunks, and a library card." This co-operative effort on the part of the schools and the library to preserve and enlarge the heritage of good literature for the boys and girls of this City against the incursions so prevalent today such as TV, comics, and so forth, is of great interest to me as a former member of the Board of Education, and as a member of this Board. I would like therefore to report on this activity, and the Chief Librarian has kindly agreed to report on the other activities of the libraries for the past year which might normally appear in the Chairman's Report.

These activities fall into three headings:

- (1) The Boys and Girls Rooms in our libraries,
- (2) The school libraries,
- (3) The organized visits of school classes to the various branch libraries.
- (1) It is the policy of the Toronto Public Library Board to provide books for the children of Toronto, wherever they may live in the city, and it is their belief that the children of Toronto can be served best through the use of the eighteen children's rooms which are now in existence in various parts of the city. Here the children will find large and varied collections of books to choose from, pleasant well-equipped rooms in which to browse at leisure and a trained staff of librarians to help them in their choice of reading matter.
- (2) School libraries. In a large and rapidly growing city sometimes the distance is too great for a child to make use of the library in the district, or the traffic hazards are such that small children cannot go to the library unless they are accompanied by an adult. In these cases, the Library Board in co-operation with the Toronto Board of Education has undertaken to provide

libraries in the local schools. Such libraries are, in effect, small branch libraries and are open one or more days a week (according to the population of the particular school) to provide these children with library service.

These libraries are not "school" libraries in the academic sense of the word, that is, the choice of material is not limited to instructional material, nor is the selection of books determined by the prescribed course of study, although the books may serve some good purposes in this regard. The book collection in a school library may be smaller but it is basically the same as those to be found in any children's room throughout the city. There are factual books; there are books which will enlarge a child's understanding of what he is studying at school, but primarily the books are chosen with the object of introducing boys and girls to books which will stimulate the growth of their minds and their imaginations and which will offer them the kind of satisfaction to be found in reading for its own sake.

The operation of school libraries presents certain problems of administration, working as one must on a "split-time" schedule. In a school which may circulate 1,000 - 1,200 books in a short space of time, it is difficult to create the feeling of leisure and quiet enjoyment which should accompany such an undertaking. The librarians try on every possible occasion to talk to the children about books, to tell the children stories, etc., but it is difficult to arrange this in a schedule which brings a new group of children to the library every twenty minutes of the day. Such service cannot reproduce or be a substitute for the larger book collections and the more individual service that can be provided in a regular children's library. When such a library is available it seems desirable that children should be introduced to it, so that they may enjoy the benefits that it offers and so that they may come to realize that reading is not something that necessarily begins and ends with one's years of formal education.

Thirty years ago the Toronto Public Library Board established its first school library. Since that time thirty-two others have been set up, and of these twenty-six are in operation at the present time. Twenty-four are in schools directed by the Toronto Board of Education and two by the Separate School Board. One library, at

Palmerston, is closed temporarily while new accommodation is being built. When Sunny View School for crippled children was opened, the library at Wellesley School (which served both regular and special classes) was withdrawn, with the entire support of the principal. This principal had been in schools which had libraries and those which had none. She preferred to have the classes in her school pay monthly visits to their nearest branch. She said that nothing was more pleasing to her than to see the children's "shining faces" when they came back from a library visit and that library service within the school never provided the sense of excitement and enthusiasm which was aroused by an expedition to the library.

With the opening this year of the new Parliament Street Branch, which is to serve the residents of lower Ward 2, the children from five schools were introduced to their new library. In order not to make too abrupt a change, the school libraries continued to circulate books on a diminishing scale during the first five months of the year. During this time Parliament Street children's room began to establish itself in the district by inviting teachers to bring classes to it from these schools to introduce the pupils to their new library. Two hundred and three classes have visited the library since its opening and 62,128 books have been circulated to these children, although the school libraries of the district were in operation for almost half that time. The teachers who have made use of this opportunity were enthusiastic about these visits, and the principals have spoken of the excellent cooperation that they have received from the staff of the Parliament Street children's room.

(3) This brings us to the third part, namely, the visits paid by classes to their branch libraries. During 1955, 3,830 classes came to the various libraries, an increase of 370 over the previous year. This practice was established at the request of teachers of children who were too small to come to the library alone, or teachers who felt that some of their pupils needed stimulation of this kind. It has grown from 770 classes in 1938 to 3,830 classes in 1955. Librarians visited and talked to children in 527 classes which were, for various reasons, unable to visit their branch library.

Librarians are glad of the opportunity these class visits offer. There is an advantage in having small homogeneous groups of children together at one time. It means that more children can be given individual attention, and that books appropriate to their interests and enthusiasms of the moment can be shown to them and talked about. One teacher has asked, for instance, that the librarian talk about and read poetry to her class, with the result that 34 books of poetry went home with her children that day. "What is most encouraging", says one librarian, "is the fact that such visits do not tend to be the children's only contact with the library. Many children come at least once and some oftener between class visits." This is, of course, the objective of every children's librarian-to make the class visit an occasion for stimulating a child's interest in reading, so that it becomes a necessary part of his life. Evidence that this is so is welcomed when it comes to the librarian's attention, as, for example, it did recently. In one city school, classes (from III to VII) visit the library regularly once a month. Grade VIII, due to school pressure, was not able to participate in this programme, yet it is evident that these children continue to read after any outside pressure has been removed. In a count taken recently in this group, there were 107 books in the hands of 76 grade VIII children - an average of 1.5 books per child—a most encouraging sign, because our hope is to develop life-long readers and users of books. Nothing is more likely to assure this than for children to become regular users of the public library.

You will appreciate the importance of this development to the boys and girls of our City and of its great interest to the teachers and librarians. We are fortunate in this city that schools and libraries should have developed this splendid type of co-operation, and I would like to convey to the Board of Education and to the teachers and principals who have had a part in this effort, and to the librarians and their assistants, the Board's appreciation for their enthusiastic efforts during the past year.

JOHN E. CORCORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR 1955

To the members of the Toronto Public Library Board:

The year 1955 began auspiciously with the opening of the new Parliament Street Branch Library on January 12th. It is situated near the northern end of the Regent Park redevelopment. The Library Board had for years been looking for a suitable site in this vicinity, but in vain. One was unexpectedly made available by the straightening of the "jog" in Gerrard Street where it crosses Parliament Street. A triangular piece of land was left vacant when buildings had been demolished to allow the alteration in the street. The city ceded this land to the Library Board in two parcels at a cost of one dollar each, although the assessed value of the land is \$2,622.

The library was declared open by Mr. Leonard W. Brockington, C.M.G., Q.C., LL.D., D.C.L., who gave a witty, wise and perfectly delightful address. The architect was Mr. Arthur H. Eadie, F.R.A.I.C., the general contractors were Messrs. Bradford-Hoshal Associates Ltd. Messrs. Jas. F. Gillanders Co. Ltd. carried out the woodwork. The building, equipment, and original stock of books cost approximately \$177,000.

As in recent years, six chartered librarians from Britain served as internes on the staff for one year, and two remained for a second year. This is a most successful project from our point of view, and the internes all seemed equally happy about it.

Owing to the falling off in book-borrowing during July and August especially at week-ends, the Board authorized the closing of all libraries at 6 p.m. on Saturdays during those two months. No criticism was received from readers.

In November the Board authorized the removal of the restrictions on the number of books which could be taken by one person and on the removal of the distinction between non-fiction and fiction. It is too early as yet to report on the results of this change.

The chief librarian, along with Mr. Leonard W. Brockington, the Chairman of the Press Gallery in Ottawa, and two members of the Press Gallery, was appointed a trustee of The Bowater Awards for outstanding journalism.

The following members of the staff retired on pension on reaching the age limit:

Irene Belcher Marjorie Colbeck Maud Harvey Violet Hyland

Throughout the year the Board has continued its work on an improved pension plan and it is now believed that the project is reaching finalization.

The Canadian Library Association Conference was held at Saskatoon in June and was attended by Mrs. Peter Sandiford and the chief librarian. The Ontario Library Association Conference was held at Fern Cottage, Atherley, in May and was attended by Mrs. John W. Falkner and Mrs. Peter Sandiford.

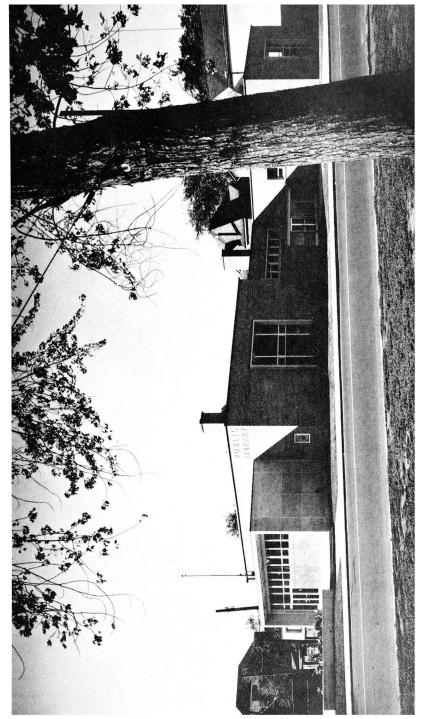
The Osborne Collection has been greatly enhanced by the acquisition of three special rarities. The earliest in date is 1590: Laurence Vaux's "A catechisme of Christian doctrine necessarie for children and ignorante people"; but two other books rank with the rarest treasures in the whole range of children's literature.

In 1796 there was published "The parent's assistant", by Maria Edgeworth, in three volumes. No copies of this first edition are known to have survived. A second edition was published later in the same year, also in three volumes. A few copies of Part 1 are recorded. Part 2, vol. 1 was reported as no longer extant; and the Bodleian Library seemed to have the only surviving copy of Part 2, vol. 2. The Osborne Collection now possesses the only known copy of Part 2, vol. 1, and one of the only two known copies of Part 2, vol. 2.

Other valuable additions have been made during the year by purchases and by gifts. The Board offer their sincere gratitude to all the donors.

Along with some other public libraries, we introduced shopping bags lettered "Toronto Public Libraries." We sell them at 5 cents each, a fraction over cost, and they give the double service of book protection in bad weather and publicity.

The entire staff, with the exception of two, shared in the 3½% adjustment of pay rates parallel with that granted to civic employees and dated back to April 1st.



Parliament Street Branch: Opened 12 January, 1955

The year ended, as it began, with the opening of an additional library. The Forest Hill Public Library was opened on December 5th. It is administered for the Forest Hill Public Library Board by the Toronto Public Library Board under similar provisions as for East York Public Library.

I take this opportunity of expressing my indebtedness to the staff for their conscientious and enthusiastic work. No chief librarian ever worked with a finer staff.

CHARLES R. SANDERSON,

Chief Librarian

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS THE CIRCULATION DIVISION

Who used the libraries in 1955 and why? This is one particular question the librarians responsible for adult home reading services decided they would consider, purely from a practical point of view, in summing up their year's work. Too often conscientious librarians are prone to bemoan the comparitively small proportion of the adult population that actually invests in a library card. They find it scant consolation, if not irrelevant, to recall that only a small percentage of citizens accept their responsibility for keeping democracy alive by even exercising their vote. Naturally we want to do everything possible to encourage a wider use of the libraries, yet over the years this question becomes increasingly insistent - Would it not be more realistic to accept the fact that universal library membership is an ideal as yet far from realization? Is it not possible that, considering our limited budget with all its implications, we might contribute more to the fulfilment of our objective by concentrating on more effective service to the people who already use and value the libraries?

In very many instances it is not only the actual reader of the book who is influenced by its contents. One reads between the lines in the homely story: "Recently a woman came to us for books on baby care. She had been left with the sole responsibility of a small baby when the mother, her sister, was sent to a sanitarium". We realize that the usefulness of our books extends far beyond the city's limits when, for example, they are borrowed by CBC staff, "who could scarcely function in their play productions,

with all the costumes and background sets, or in their readings and adaptations, without the material borrowed daily from our circulating libraries, and from the Music Library and the Picture Collection." We catch a glimpse of tomorrow's world in another report of "students from secondary schools looking up material for the model assembly of the United Nations to be held in the Provincial Parliament Buildings in January." The most distant ripple extends so far that the initial stimulus is frequently forgotten. The very multiplicity and accessibility of books increases the danger that they may be taken for granted, and their importance as the primary tools of our culture overlooked.

Among the librarians there is a growing emphasis on our need to gain wisdom in developing the "give and take" between librarian and reader. The reluctance of many enquirers to reveal their actual problem is a common characteristic. Following his request for a life of Sir Wilfred Laurier, an elderly man was leafing through the book, obviously not finding what he sought. A friendly question by the librarian led to the whispered confidence: "What I really wanted was a book that would tell me the date of Oueen Victoria's death. You see, I have to prove my age for the old age pension, and if I can find out when the Queen died, I can prove I was such and such an age at that time." One librarian expresses her conviction about the relationship with readers as follows: "The really vital part of our work is that dealing directly with the dreams, imaginings, curiousities, fears and hopes of individual human beings. When someone asks: 'Can you find me a picture of a corner cupboard? I'm going to build one', that request can be promptly satisfied with what might be called mechanical efficiency. But when someone says tentatively and half-embarrassed: 'I want to read a book that is really a classic,' or 'I think I'd like to read some philosophy but I don't know where to begin,' the librarian must be ready with both her understanding of human nature and her knowledge of books, as the mind and personality of one individual reacts to the mind and personality of another individual."

Each year, no matter what new trends are noted in the librarians' reports, the importance of the individual still remains the central factor. The recognition of the individual is not dependent on a lavish budget, or on the latest mechanical devices (welcome though they too may be). It is both a challenge and an encouragement to realize that the key to successful service lies in the hands of the librarian, for every reader who has been satisfied on his first or his five hundredth visit to the library is more effective in public relations than the most elaborate display.

The experience of the new Parliament Street Branch, opened in January, 1955, seems to indicate that this library must expect to build up largely on contacts made inside the library. Shortly after the opening a definite plan was made to advertise the library in the community. Handbills (in the form of a personal invitation) were distributed to each apartment in Regent Park Housing Development (accommodating several thousand residents) and to houses on many streets, and posters were displayed in stores, businesses and offices. Yet the response to this particular activity was poor. However, 55,564 books were taken home by Parliament Street Branch adult readers in 1955. Even making allowance for some readers who transferred from other branches many thousands of books are being read and used because a new library opened. Another note from this library indicates how readers may be gained there. "In May and June we registered or transferred to the Adult Department 227 Grade 8 students. Since then we are frequently aware of a crowd of young people in the library. As the Grade 8 classes come on with no break in available library service, we should build up a more library conscious community."

The initial question as to who used the libraries in 1955 seems to have been side tracked. As the librarians worked out the answer each found that her particular library's public formed a cross section of that community, and who and why seemed to become inevitably intermingled. The mechanic reads Plato, as well as consulting a technical handbook, the university professor enjoys the latest mystery story. The student, the housewife, the doctor, the new Canadian, the salesman (only the old rhyme "tinker, tailor, soldier, sailor" in its entirety can cover them all) may come to the library for a variety of reasons, defined or undefined. He may come for practical help with the countless techniques and skills needed for present day living (he may want to know how to qualify for a higher grade as an engineer, or how

to make a will). He may come searching for something that adds a new dimension to life itself—he may find it in fiction, in biography, in music, in science, in poetry. Incidentally three quite unrelated slants on poetry reading come to light in three different branch reports. At one branch a "Poetry Evening", with readings by a known author and radio personality attracted a large and appreciative audience, and better still awakened a renewed interest in the reading of poetry in that library. Another branch, commenting on the influence of an outstanding English teacher in a nearby collegiate, says: "Among the many excellent teen-age readers who come to the library, there are a surprising number who read poetry without the slightest coercion." And the librarian who supervises our library at the Mercer Reformatory for Women reports "about 30% of the prisoners read poetry". (To which the native of Lancashire would doubtless add "It goes to show!").

Trends in reading during 1955 do not break new ground. Statistically we continue in the direction of recent years, showing a small decrease in fiction, and a small increase in non-fiction and in foregin books circulation. But a comparison of 1955 with 1945 figures reveals the extent of the change that has taken place since the end of the war. During the past ten years fiction circulation has decreased by 4%, non-fiction has increased by 23%, and the circulation of books in other languages by 405%. The last figure points to one of our most pressing problems—the ordering, housing and distribution of books in their native languages for the use of Toronto's new arrivals from non-English-speaking countries.

TV still proves a strong drawing card to many who formerly looked to books for entertainment in their free hours, but the writers of today's fiction must accept some responsibility for this. Well written, reasonably optimistic new novels are in short supply. There is another angle to the TV question, and one busy branch sums it up: "Rather than being always a rival TV has become in many respects a stimulus to reading. We have people who write for TV, act for TV, and watch TV, and there is a keen demand for any books reviewed, biographies of people mentioned, and information on subjects discussed."

The Do it Yourself "movement" continues undiminished if one may judge by the demand for related books. Almost without

exception, the branches comment on this phase of modern life. High priority is still given to the enjoyment of Art books of all kinds, with the urge of the amateur artist for self expression merging into the appreciation of the works of great masters. Even the Music Library proves a happy hunting ground for enthusiastic amateurs as they seek help in "making violins, guitars, mouthorgans, electronic organs, xylophones, clavichords, pianos, and above all hi-fi sets." The record collection available in the Music Library for borrowing, and for listening on our equipment, is proving very popular. During 1955, its first complete year in operation, 6,626 records were rented to take home, and 9,955 records were played in the library.

An English librarian has written: "Books have no value in themselves. They are valuable only because they make more real, more interesting, more effective the other things that their readers are doing, thinking, feeling, and enjoying. Books are not a substitute for life, but an aid to living, whether that living be active or contemplative, creative, or recreational. They may well shape the readers' interest, perhaps, dominate their actions." The Circulation Division librarians of the Toronto Public Libraries heartily endorse his statement.

Anne M. Wright, Head of Circulation Division

THE REFERENCE DIVISION

Since the end of the last century when reference service as we know it first became an established function of the public library, a great many different people have proposed definitions for reference work. One of the earliest, one of the simplest, and one which still expresses the fundamental idea, was voiced by William Child, the Reference Librarian of Columbia University in 1891. "By reference work", he said, "is meant simply the assistance given by a librarian to readers in acquainting them with the intricacies of the catalogue, in answering questions, and, in short doing anything and everything in his power to facilitate access to the resources of the library in his charge."

As time has gone on this basic definition has been amplified and expressed, perhaps, in more technical and erudite phrases.

As reference libraries have developed and become more complex, so have the definitions. It would be difficult, however, to find one, no matter how technical or how erudite, which did not have for its main idea the one expressed above.

The library — the librarian — the reader. These three must form an amalgam to produce a good reference library. The quality rather than the quantity of books is a measure of the library's usefulness. The selection of the material must be based on the needs of a wide variety of interests for an unlimited constituency, because the people who use a large reference library are not only those from the immediate locality but also scholars and researchers from near and far. For the former the library must provide the books suited to the cultural and commercial interests of its own city; for the latter it must develop those special collections which have grown up in the course of time and for which, perhaps, it has become well known. And for all its readers it must provide basic tools such as dictionaries, encyclopedias, and the best examples of past and present literature in the amount which its budget can afford.

The organization and arrangement of the library must make it possible for any reader to obtain what he wants with the utmost dispatch. Sometimes the problems are such that the ingenuity and scholarship of both librarian and reader are taxed to the utmost; sometimes the problems appear inconsequential. Whether one or the other they are important to the reader, and the library must be prepared to handle them, as well as those falling between the two extremes. The members of a community who are not habitual users of the reference library, and they form a large majority, would be surprised to know how seriously the librarians undertake this task and the amount of work which is involved in providing information for their use.

Readers vary greatly not only in their requirements, but in their demands on the librarian's time, and in their abilities to use library tools and materials. It is necessary to differentiate between the trained investigator and the general reader, who often becomes bewildered with the complexities he finds and does not understand. Some people find it difficult to state their problems clearly. How many times, after questioning, does a reader say, "Well, what I

really want is —"! Some deliberately withhold the necessary details, especially if they consider them personal, and then the librarian must delve, as tactfully as possible, to get to the root of the matter.

More and more often we have the reader who expects the librarian to do the work which he should do himself. The discretion of the librarian is, of course, necessary in determining just how far to go and his judgment must be used in assessing the question and the needs of the reader. He must distinguish between the serious and the trivial, between the possible and the impossible. Otherwise an enormous amount of time is wasted. The tendency to over-help is an expression on the part of the librarian of that spirit of service which is so characteristic of librarians the world over.

The list of abilities demanded for the ideal librarian is a long one. Mr. J. I. Wyer in his book on *Reference Work* lists twenty-seven. Among these are intelligence, accuracy, dependability, mental curiosity, adaptability, perseverence, co-operativeness, initiative, poise, and patience. Obviously, no one person can combine all these qualities equally, any more than any one library can be an ideal reference library.

Ideals are worth having and keeping before us, even though at times we feel that we fall far short of them. The Toronto Reference Library subscribes to those qualities in library and librarian which go to make up the ideal and strives to reach it as much of the time as possible.

We append for the record the statistics for the year 1955.

Readers	165,919	Maps	342
Telephone calls		Newspaper volumes	941
Materials used:		Microfilm reels	631
Books	161,687	Manuscripts	220
Periodicals		Microfilm Service	
Current file		Prints made	474
Patents			313

It is again our duty and privilege to acknowledge the many kind gifts which members of the public have made to our collections.

LAURA E. LOEBER, Head of Reference Division

BOYS AND GIRLS DIVISION

The question of children's reading is one of the most inflammable topics of the day. It has been and is being thrashed out in public meetings, in the press, over the tea-cups. Everyone knows why children do not read. Not so much has been said about the children who do read. The fact of 2,054,489 books borrowed by the children of Toronto from its public libraries this year gives evidence that many do. It does not seem over-optimistic to suggest that these children find satisfaction in the books they read. Otherwise a steady level of borrowing would not be maintained, for what children do not like, they resist.

With this in mind, the children's librarians have been looking into the question of what books children want, what books they enjoy and to what degree these can be provided for them in our children's rooms. It is obvious that no children's library could, even if it were desirable, include all the books published for children each year, for of recent years the publishing of children's books has become one of the largest categories on any publisher's list.

To sort out what children want from what has been written for them is a formidable undertaking. Through careful reading of this year's output, together with the experience of recent years, the children's librarians have reached some conclusions in regard to present day tendencies in writing for children which may, to some extent, cast a light on some children's reluctance to read.

Children have always been the victims of adults in this regard. They must read what is provided for them or do without. This raises the question as to whether many authors and publishers today are trying to interest children who read books or adults who buy them. The best ones keep their audience in mind; but the less good, what about them? The general idea behind much publishing today seems to be "What fact has not been clearly stated?" "What idea has not yet been explained?" "What word might not yet be clear in its meaning?" The assumption is that no child is capable of knowing anything from his own experience. No child can sense a meaning by implication. No child has access to an intelligent adult who can answer his questions when they

arise. No child can be expected to wait for the growth of understanding before having a problem placed before him.

This curious tendency on the part of authors and publishers to ape some of the earlier ideas of writing for children may be due to their lack of historical sense. We think of the nineteenth century books for children as "quaint" and their didacticism as unsound. But are those written today (in the twentieth century idiom, of course) so different from those we frown on? One thing is sure, "These too shall pass" as did the moral tale, but in the meantime may not our children be submerged by books which Clifton Fadiman says are best described as "skilfully constructed, highly educational, carefully suited-to-age, morally sanitary, psychologically impeccable."

To look at any of the classes of books published this year will give evidence of both the good and bad tendencies of our era. One of the most prolific outputs is the picture book. Modern production provides the would-be picture-book buyer with a bewildering display of fine bookmaking, beautiful colour work and good design. These have an immediate appeal to anyone who picks them up, but if he stops to read one, or better still, reads one to a child, a better estimation of their effect on literary taste is revealed. Take, for example, those books about Johnny going shopping, or to the dentist, and read them to a child. He will listen politely — once. Or those books for very small children which undertake to explain to them such abstract notions as weight, or time, or motion. How do the children receive them? Passively, I should say. By the time a child has come to read them, he already knows much that they tell him from experience. He knows that he buys food at a store, that an elephant is heavier than a mouse, that a car goes faster than a horse. These are facts that become selfevident as a child grows. They are not clarified or made more interesting by being presented to him in the form of a picture book.

Another type of picture book in vogue today is designed to evoke various "moods" — books about darkness, wetness, affection, to name a few. They are beautifully illustrated, carrying through with skill the one idea presented in the text. They are competent, well-intentioned but, remote from the centre of a child's interest. He wants something to happen, he wants to under-

go some real experience and this "tone poem" technique leaves him quite unmoved. I cannot think of one of these books that would ever cause a reader to feel, as C. S. Lewis did of Beatrix Potter's Squirrel Nutkin. "It enamoured me of the very idea of autumn." They are too deliberate, too conscientious, too scaled to the writer's idea of what a child can feel, to permit the child of being "enamoured".

There are books written today that have this quality. If you have seen a group of children enter a library where H. A. Rey's Curious George rides a bike is on display, you will know what can happen. Immediately a shout goes up "Hello George," "Why there's old George." They know him, they love him. He is a friend, a hero. They are "enamoured" of the idea of George. But how hard it is to see that all the "Georges" and their kind are not buried under the weight of well-meaning, dreary picture books which at best can only give a moment's fleeting pleasure and at their worst only confirm an unwilling reader, that books are dull affairs.

To know how things work, what things are, is a natural instinct of children, and as such, deserves to be heeded. So all the hundreds of books that come out each year on birds and trees and animals, stars and nuclear physics have to be carefully considered.

Many of these are pleasant enough books, representing every possible phase of, say, plant or animal life, but children frequently turn down a most attractive book about a bird which depicts his whole family life, the dangers that beset him before he learned to fly, the "happily ever after" note on which he sets out to establish his own home and family. Eagerly they seize upon a good pocketguide which tells them what they want to know, and which spares them the weariness of wading through a thin watery stream of semi-fiction, so clouded that it is difficult to distinguish the fact from the fancy. As animal stories these books lack vitality and their lack of content offends a child's intelligence. There is no drama, no creative force, no ability to hold a child as an animal story should. Compare the effect of some well-meaning life-history of a snake done in this way with the dramatic impact he feels on reading of the near tragedy of Seton's Raggylug or the high drama of Kipling's Rikki Tikki Tavi. These are stories of substance and stature, books which impel and command interest and which hold a child in their thrall. Both the informational material and the dramatic are needed. But do we need all those half-hearted, undistinguished go-betweens on our shelves?

When it becomes known to the publishing world that children have accepted one kind of book, immediately the market is flooded with dozens of books, cut to the same pattern, aimed at the same audience, regardless of whether the particular aspect or subject has any justifiable interest for children. One could go on endlessly picking out subjects and themes that have been seized upon and developed and presented to the child of today. As one instance there are the books for children that deal with questions which have baffled and are continuing to baffle the adult world, in which children are given a too-easy answer to their problems. These books purport to represent life as it is to today's boys and girls. May they not be creating a false world which children will find all too soon has never existed? We have all decided that school stories are outmoded, that they are not true-to-life. But what have we put in their place? Instead of the emotion-packed school story atmosphere we have the lonely child (didn't the villian of the school story probably suffer from being rejected). We take up the cause of the underprivileged (wasn't it usually the girl whose clothes were not quite right who proved her worth in the long run). We offer superficial solutions to racial and social problems. To be sure, the situations have changed, the modes of expression are different, but are the problems and their solutions any more soundly stated in many of today's "realistic" stories?

But the picture is not entirely gloomy. Good books are being written; books which children will enjoy and cherish, books like E. B. White's Charlotte's web, Rumer Godden's The dolls' house, C. S. Lewis' Narnia cycle, René Guillot's Companions of fortune, and more recently William Mayne's A swarm in May. These are books which bring to boys and girls a genuine experience of life. They are books to read over and over, books that may in the years to come take their places beside the classics of a children's library. They are books which, as one boy put it, "give you memories."

It is a time-consuming, heart-breaking job, this hunting for the needle in the haystack, but it has to be done if we are going to

keep a children's library which is alive, which offers children a memorable experience. Boys and girls are not good at expressing just what they mean but sometimes we find them making discerning comments, as did one little girl who said as she left the library, "The library has taken the drab out of the day." It is our job to keep the "drab" out of the library.

JEAN THOMSON,

Head of Boys and Girls Division

THE CATALOGUING DEPARTMENT

Twenty-five years in the "new" Cataloguing Department brings us to a time when it might be interesting and instructive to compare work statistics — interesting in the contrast of figures and instructive in the recollection of the "cause and effect".

In April, 1930 the Cataloguing Department moved into new quarters, just before the opening of the new Central Library. Naturally there was an increase in the number of new books processed for this new library, as well as a big effort in recataloguing old stock which was being added to Central's shelves. The Central catalogue was revised and over 56,000 cards filed in it during 1930. In that same year Runnymede Branch was opened, so, all in all, 1930 was a banner year for the Cataloguing Department. The 1930 statistics recorded 53,382 books catalogued for the Circulation Division with over 56,000 cards being filed in the Central catalogue alone. These figures, however, included 12 months output of fiction and 6 months of juvenile books, so that total non-fiction books catalogued for that year amounted to a little over 15,000, and the non-fiction cards filed in Central catalogue were a corresponding proportion of the 56,000 total, about 22,400.

Compare the 1955 figures as recorded in this 1955 report: 31,753 books catalogued (all non-fiction) and 107,618 cards filed in Circulating catalogues (23,186 in Central alone and again, all for non-fiction). In 1930 there were 17 branches or outlets for which books were catalogued and card catalogues provided. Now in 1955 these outlets have been increased to 23.

Persistent efforts to improve record keeping methods, as for example the introduction of a unit card form of shelf listing for Circulating books, and the benefits derived from better cataloguing tools over the twenty-five years have made possible this progress. New bibliographical aids such as the Library of Congress printed catalogue and the British National Bibliography as well as several special bibliographies, improved subject heading lists, and new editions of the Dewey classification have all proved boons to the cataloguing staff. Thanks perhaps to these, the 1955 staff of nineteen is carrying on the work of the 1930 staff of twenty-six. There is however, a very noticeable difficulty with which the nineteen are confronted — a backlog of cataloguing in current books and in recataloguing, particularly in Reference Library stock, which was unheard of twenty-five years ago when all the desks were filled in the Cataloguing Department.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, 1955

Circulation Division		
New titles catalogued:		
Classed	2,912	
Foreign	1,283	
Music	226	
-		4,421
Books catalogued		31,753
Cards filed in catalogues		107,618
Of these 23,186 were filed in Central catalogues.		
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Reference Division		
New titles catalogued		1,551
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New titles catalogued Books catalogued Pamphlets catalogued		4,122 16
New titles catalogued Books catalogued Pamphlets catalogued Films catalogued		4,122 16 1

DOROTHY A. DINGLE,
Head of Cataloguing Department.

THE JOHN ROSS ROBERTSON COLLECTION

After more than forty years in the Public Library the John Ross Robertson Collection continues to draw regular visitors, many of whom are from other parts of Canada and the United States, to study the pictures.

An alcove of historical views of places which will be affected by the St. Lawrence Seaway proved of particular interest and a number of these were photographed to be used in a film on the Seaway. The bird paintings by William Pope were admired and compared to Audubon prints and the pencil sketches by Harlow White were carefully studied by students of Ontario pioneer life.

There was an increase in the number of pictures sketched or photographed for reproduction in books and periodicals and, for the first time, coloured moving pictures were made of a number of the items.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

An increased volume of work plus a number of staff changes have been instrumental in making 1955 one of the busiest years on record in the Department.

For the second year in succession the number of cards for new borrowers reached an all-time high. In 1955, 57,852 new cards were issued as against 56,618 in 1954 and 43,379 in 1944. In the mailing of overdue notices 2,000 more reminders were sent out to borrowers than in 1954, or a total of over 117,000 for the year.

Activity in other branches of the work was steady. There were approximately 400 less re-registrations obtained through our system of contacting lapsed borrowers. However the percentage of return from our letters was much the same, the difference occurring in the number of lapsed cards taken from the files.

CATHERINE LUND,
Head of Registration Department

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

STATISTICAL SUMMA	RY		
New Registrations during 1955:			
Adult	38,024		
Boys and Girls	19,828		57 052
	19,040		57,852
Re-registrations:			
Adult	14,571		
Boys and Girls	5,644		20.215
Renewed filled cards:	- ,		
Adult			
Boys and Girls	6,033		15,358
Lost cards replaced:			
Adult	6,139		
Boys and Girls	8,384		14,523
	6,304		14,525
Boys and Girls transferring to Adult Dept.			
By transfer	1,623		
Applic. in Adult Dep.	1,019		2,642
-			-,
Borrowers' notices of books overdue:			
Postcards:			
Adult	32,550		
Boys and Girls	36,035	68,585	
2nd notices:			
Adult	18,057		
Para and Cirls		24 502	
Boys and Girls	16,446	34,503	
Final notices:			
Adult	6,777		
Boys and Girls	7,224	14,001	117,089
			111,000
Cards cancelled for fines:			
Adult	4,065		
Boys and Girls	3,191		7,256
Applications cancelled and removed from files			
(Deceased, moved, etc.)			
Adult	1 000		
	1,080		1 701
Boys and Girls	621		1,701
Change of address:			
Adult	9,619		
Boys and Girls	4,180		13,799
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Revival letters:	_		
Taken from files and checked with			
Directory	26,545		
Letter mailed to borrowers still traceable	8,632		
New Library cards mailed to borrowers	,		
returning card	1,481		1,481
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TOTAL REGISTRATION DEC. 31, 1955:			
Adult:	004.450		
City	204,470		
East York	7,209	211,679	
Boys and Girls:			
City	74,874		
East York	13,857	88,731	300.410

CIRCULATING PICTURE COLLECTION

This year there was an increase of over 5,200 in the number of pictures lent from the Collection, bringing the total number borrowed to 110,638. These represented more than 20,200 diversified subjects such as Sardi's restaurant; man-eating plants; an "iron-maiden"; cross section of the brain; plans of the Castle at Knossos; Ghosts; interior of the Bolshoi theatre; and Merry-goround horses, as well as the usual subjects, history; countries of the world; biology; industry; architecture; portraits; reproductions of paintings and sculpture, and so on.

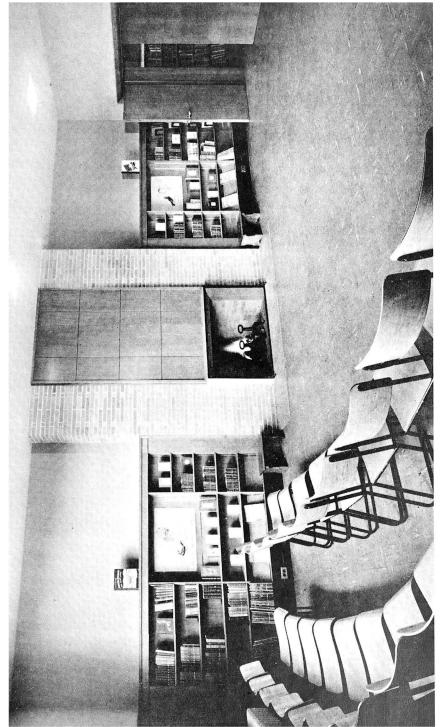
Over 22,300 clippings chosen from 2,000 magazines and books were added, bringing the total number of pictures available for circulation to 417,222.

We noted an increase in the number of pictures lent to daily and weekly newspapers. Once again we had regular calls from CBC Television. For many of the productions our material was used by the producers, the costume and set designers, the "make-up" staff, "Graphics" for backgrounds of titles, the property department for correct information about furniture, accessories, etc. and the "special effects" staff to assist in making properties.

As we have many calls for references on plays, operas and ballets, we made an index of all material which might apply and found this information very useful.

A particularly large number of people joined the Library this year in order to borrow pictures, and an increasing number of students from Teachers' College made regular use of the files. It was a busy year and we had the satisfaction of assisting a large number of people by supplying them with material necessary for the solution of their problems.

ELSPETH SMITH



Parliament Street Branch: Story Hour Room

BINDING AND BOOK REPAIR

STATISTICAL SUMMARY 1955

	Circulation Division		Miscel- laneous	Total
Books repaired	27,417*	199	89	27,705
Books rebound	4,370	169	3	4,542
New books bound	973	425	23	1,421
Periodicals bound	182	644	_	826
Cases and portfolios made			70	70
Books discarded	1,262		—	1,262
* Including 124 for East Y	ork Public	Library		

TERENCE W. BARCLAY

THE TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF ASSOCIATION

The 1955 meetings were given over to the final revisions of the Constitution and a discussion of the proposed new pension plan. In May there was a splendid turn-out to hear Dr. Sanderson speak on the pension plan and other matters relating to the library. Once again the Staff contributed generously to the Red Feather Campaign and the Save the Children Fund.

KATHLEEN FINLAY,

Recording Secretary

SHEILA A. EGOFF,

President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1955

	Payments
	Expenses of meetings \$153.88
	Fees and donations 233.25
	Gifts
	Flowers
_	Bank charges 4.10
RECEIPTS	
Balance on hand Mar. 31,	\$542.03
1954 \$557.50	Balance on hand, Mar. 31,
Fees for the year 1955 494.00	1955 517.77
Other sources 3.30	
Petty Cash 5.00	\$1,059.80
\$1,059.80	B. DERER, Treasurer

USE OF BOOKS DURING THE YEAR

(For details see tables on pages 38-39)

rence	1955 270,774	1954 279,407
t Circulating Libraries:	1955	1954
Central	421,636	430,812
	244,714	239.447
George H. Locke Memorial Deer Park	193,384	200.684
Downtown	182,176	184,164
Runnymede	109,673	124,892
Danforth	107,468	111,408
East York	106,197	107,437
St. Clements	103,881	106,745
Beaches	101,515	106,741
Wychwood	96,914	103,693
Yorkville	95,625	95,767
High Park	86,139	90,879
Bloor and Gladstone	72,696	75,815
Eastern	71,711	74,176
Western	68 8 8 3	75,255
Earlscourt	67,245	72,992
Parliament Street (Opened January 13, 1955)	55,564	<u> </u>
Gerrard	51,223	54,876
Riverdale	49,733	63,362
Queen and Lisgar	47,336	54.559
Sunnybrook Hospital	43,715	45,668
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	13,990	13,315
Travelling Branch	3,336	2,810
Runnymede Hospital	3,084	3,070
Forest Hill (Opened December 5, 1955) John M. Innes Community Centre	770 451	1,089
	2,399,059	2,439,658
and Girls Libraries:	2,399,059 1955	2,439,658 1954
		1954
Boys and Girls House Gerrard	1955 118,409	1954 120,864
Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401
Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke Earlscourt	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705
Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke Earlscourt Beaches	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397 83,019	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705 80,041
Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke Earlscourt Beaches Bloor and Gladstone	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397 83,019 77,949	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705 80,041 77,838
Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke Earlscourt Beaches Bloor and Gladstone Danforth	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397 83,019 77,949 75,220	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705 80,041 77,838 76,399
Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke Earlscourt Beaches Bloor and Gladstone Danforth Eastern	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397 83,019 77,949 75,220 69,806	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705 80,041 77,838 76,399
Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke Earlscourt Beaches Bloor and Gladstone Danforth Eastern Parliament	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397 83,019 77,949 75,220 69,806 62,168	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705 80,041 77,838 76,399 76.787
Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke Earlscourt Beaches Bloor and Gladstone Danforth Eastern Parliament Riverdale	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397 83,019 77,949 75,220 69,806 62,168 61,811	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705 80,041 77,838 76,399 76.787
Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke Earlscourt Beaches Bloor and Gladstone Danforth Eastern Parliament Riverdale Deer Park	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397 83,019 77,949 75,220 69,806 62,168 61,811 50,631	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705 80,041 77,838 76,399 76.787 66,503 51,377
Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke Earlscourt Beaches Bloor and Gladstone Danforth Eastern Parliament Riverdale Deer Park Wychwood	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397 83,019 77,949 75,220 69,806 62,168 61,811 50,631 47,072	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705 80,041 77,838 76,399 76.787 66,503 51,377 45,999
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Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke Earlscourt Beaches Bloor and Gladstone Danforth Eastern Parliament Riverdale Deer Park Wychwood High Park Queen and Lisgar	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397 83,019 77,949 75,220 69,806 62,168 61,811 50,631 47,072 45,202 43,832	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705 80,041 77,838 76,399 76.787 66,503 51,377 45,999 45,756 43,791
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Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke Earlscourt Beaches Bloor and Gladstone Danforth Eastern Parliament Riverdale Deer Park Wychwood High Park Queen and Lisgar St. Clements Western	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397 83,019 77,949 75,220 69,806 62,168 61,811 50,631 47,072 45,202 43,832 39,197 33,989	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705 80,041 77,838 76,399 76.787 66,503 51,377 45,999 45,756 43,791 40,643 35,090
Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke Earlscourt Beaches Bloor and Gladstone Danforth Eastern Parliament Riverdale Deer Park Wychwood High Park Queen and Lisgar St. Clements Western Runnymede	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397 83,019 77,949 75,220 69,806 62,168 61,811 50,631 47,072 45,202 43,832 39,197 33,989 30,611	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705 80,041 77,838 76,399 76.787 66,503 51,377 45,999 45,756 43,791 40,643 35,090 34,147
Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke Earlscourt Beaches Bloor and Gladstone Danforth Eastern Parliament Riverdale Deer Park Wychwood High Park Queen and Lisgar St. Clements Western Runnymede Yorkville	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397 83,019 77,949 75,220 69,806 62,168 61,811 50,631 47,072 45,202 43,832 39,197 33,989 30,611 17,480	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705 80,041 77,838 76,399 76.787 66,503 51,377 45,999 45,756 43,791 40,643 35,090 34,147 23,047
Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke Earlscourt Beaches Bloor and Gladstone Danforth Eastern Parliament Riverdale Deer Park Wychwood High Park Queen and Lisgar St. Clements Western Runnymede Yorkville Settlements	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397 83,019 77,949 75,220 69,806 62,168 61,811 50,631 47,072 45,202 43,832 39,197 33,989 30,611 17,480 35,579	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705 80,041 77,838 76,399 76.787 66,503 51,377 45,999 45,756 43,791 40,643 35,090 34,147 23,047 34,739
Gerrard Locke Earlscourt Beaches Bloor and Gladstone Danforth Eastern Parliament Riverdale Deer Park Wychwood High Park Queen and Lisgar St. Clements Western Runnymede Yorkville Settlements Schools	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397 83,019 77,949 75,220 69,806 62,168 61,811 50,631 47,072 45,202 43,832 39,197 33,989 30,611 17,480 35,579 653,742	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705 80,041 77,838 76,399 76.787 66,503 51,377 45,999 45,756 43,791 40,643 35,090 34,147 23,047 34,739 753,273
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Boys and Girls House Gerrard Locke Earlscourt Beaches Bloor and Gladstone Danforth Eastern Parliament Riverdale Deer Park Wychwood High Park Queen and Lisgar St. Clements Western Runnymede Yorkville Settlements Schools Hospital for Sick Children John M. Innes Community Centre	1955 118,409 95,377 95,269 84,397 83,019 77,949 75,220 69,806 62,168 61,811 50,631 47,072 45,202 43,832 39,197 33,989 30,611 17,480 35,579 653,742 15,009 680	1954 120,864 89,396 95,401 86,705 80,041 77,838 76,399 76.787 66,503 51,377 45,999 45,756 43,791 40,643 35,090 34,147 23,047 34,739 753,273 12,892 1,493 208,217
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BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC.

Book Stock at December, 1954: Circulating Libraries Reference Library:	654,891	
Reference 199,940 Patents 19,293 John Ross Robertson Room 20	219,253	874,144
Additions during 1955:		
Circulating Libraries	*94,562	
Reference Library: 4,128 Patents 18	4,146	98,708
Deductions during 1955:		
Circulating Libraries:		
Lost and paid for 1,135 Otherwise withdrawn and written off 79,288	80,423	
Reference Library: Withdrawn	2,382	82,805
Book Stock at December, 1955:		
Circulating Libraries	669,030	
Reference Library: 201,686 Patents 19,311		
John Ross Robertson Room 20	221,017	890,047
Pictures and Gramophone Records: Pictures in Loan Collection, December, 1955 Gramophone Records in Music Library, December	1955	417,222 1,798
*Excluding 1,498 books transferred to Central, F Street and Travelling Branches from Pool Stock.	arliament	

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the Year ended 31st December, 1955

PAYMENTS	Wages (including Occasion	Assistants Allowances 3,837.50 Cumulative Sick Leave 5,738.72	7	Book Repair and Binding:		Dook Kepair Supplies 2,460.69 Outside Binding 18,273,40	(includ-	Rent of Branch 10,000.00	Service:	rs (includ-	Ing Commitments of \$1/5.00) 410.55 Gas and Oil	Board Taxis and Staff Service 655.30	New Vehicle 2,033.65 John Ross Robertson and Loan	Picture Collection 202.79	_	Cataloguing 1,172.00 Stationery Forms 6,979.76	•	Supplies (including Commitments of \$25 44)		Telephones 6,146,65 Petty Expense 509 30	ravelling Expense
RECEIPTS		Readers' Cards 10,145,11 Reserve Service 1409,07		57,	Telephone Booth Rental		Legislative Grant 60,000.00 Duplicate Service 1.87	Records Rental	City's Library Appropriation 1,165,082.00												

	-	Insurance	4.893.44	
		Maintenance and Repairs to Buildings: Caretaking Wages	93,630.50	
		Caretaking Supplies (including commitments of \$113.04) Engineering Maintenance Wages	5,471.76 17,127.16	
		Engineering Maintenance Supplies (including Commitments of \$531.32)	18,336.77	
		Firemen's Wages Care of Grounds Wages	12,827.02 6,156.99	
		Care of Grounds Supplies Lighting, Heating, etc.:	488.45	
		Lighting and Fower (including Commitments of \$360.00)	10,395.81	
		Heating Gas	23,820.89	
		American, Canadian and Ontario	10.01	
		Unemployment Insurance	10.000	
		(Employer) Workmen's Compensation Board	1,259.04	
		Pension Fund City Auditor's Fee	65,000.00 3,617.88	
		Deer Park Building Taxes	8,306.22	\$1.347.809.82
		Internal Revenue in excess of	3.744.43	
		ure Estima		
		Expenditure 1,347,809.82	6,547.18	10,291.61
			ss	\$1,358,101.43
	\$1,358,101.43		1	
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to completion of audit the City Auditor, nuary, 1956.		Head	R. L. CHARLES, Head of Business Department.	R. L. CHARLES, ess Department.

TRUST AND ENDOWMENT ACCOUNTS DEPOSIT ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT

Investments \$ 1,550.00 Toronto-Dominion Bank 125.76	APITAL	CAPITAL ACCOUNT Expended for new investments \$ 196.72 100.00
Capital January 1st, 1955 Revenue New Investments	1,675.76 112.25 200.00	Toronto-Dominion Bank 41.29 1,791.29
6	\$ 1,988.01	\$ 1,988.0
DEPOS	IT ENDO	DEPOSIT ENDOWMENT FUND
RECEIPTS Bond Interest Bank Interest Bank Interest Visitors' Deposits Visitors' Deposits Donations	46.50 1.25 1.50 29.00 34.00	PAYMENTS To Capital Account \$ 112.25
\$	112.25	\$ 112.25
VISITORS' 1	DEPOSITS	VISITORS' DEPOSITS (Under six years old)
RECEIPTS Toronto-Dominion Bank, January 1st, 1955 Bank Interest Visitors' Deposits	150.11 1.50 42.00	Visitors' Deposits over 6 years transferred to Deposit Endowment Account Bank Interest transferred to Deposit Endowment Account Toronto-Dominion Bank, December 31st, 1955 163.11
φ.	193.61	\$ 193.61

SENATOR JOHN M.	LEWIS MEM	SENATOR JOHN M. LEWIS MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT	
Investments \$ 2,250.00 Toronto-Dominion Bank 26.09	CAPITAL	ACCOUNT Investments \$ 2,250.00 Toronto-Dominion Bank)0 79 79
Capital January 1st, 1955 Revenue after Book Purchase	\$ 2,276.09	Capital December 31st, 1933	
	\$ 2,302.79		\$ 2,302.79
SENATOR JOHN	M. LEWIS ME	SENATOR JOHN M. LEWIS MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND	
RECEIPTS Bond Interest Bank Interest	\$ 62.50	PAYMENTS Books Purchased To Capital Account	36.14
	\$ 62.84		\$ 62.84
CHARLES GRAHAM SA	NDERSON M	CHARLES GRAHAM SANDERSON MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT	
Critical Properties 1.250.00 Toronto-Dominion Bank Capital January 1st, 1955 185	CA	for new Investments \$ 6,000	\$ 758.12 .00 .99
Donations Revenue after Books Purchased New Investments	215.00 136.21 750.00	Capital December 31st, 1955	\$ 6,000.99
	\$ 6,759.11		\$ 6,759.11
CHARLES GRAHAM	SANDERSON	CHARLES GRAHAM SANDERSON MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND	
RECEIPTS Bond Interest Bank Interest	\$ 172,50	PAYMENTS Books Purchased To Capital Account	\$ 36.70
	\$ 172.91		\$ 172.91
Subject to completion of audit by the City Auditor 26th January, 1956.		R. L. CHARLES, Head of Business Department	. L. CHARLES, s Department

CIRCULATING LIBRARIES: BOOKS ADDED DURING 1955

$L^{010}L$	118 1,127 970 2,567	4,422 4,422 4,099	4,180 6,282 27,187 2,015 283	63,198	24,465	151 7,261 985	*96,060	
Yorkville	4827-	149 28 20	131 253 937 10	1,940	412		2,352 **96,060	
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Sunnybrook Hospital	4.4.2	8888	331 331	631			631	ided in
St. Clements	40°5°	173	131 221 1,105 5	2,311	563		2,874	ot includ
Kunnymede	2382	210 1485 1485 1485	193 256 1,149 14	2,529	484		3,013	Township—not included in Village—not included in
Riverdale			747 153 548 0	1,325	907		2,232	use fork Town Hill Vill
Queen and Lisgar	<u> </u>		75 167 513 96 8	1,301	559		1,860	dast You
Insmoilro Street	247 209 500 500	533 1,068 951 863	941 1,081 4,973 76 109	12,226	10,038		122,264	Boys and Girls House Property of East York Township—not included in totals of this table Property of Forest Hill Village—not included in totals of this table
George H. Locke Memorial			2,330 15 15	4,881	1,089		5,970	+ + B
AroA AziH			116 197 865 163 10	1,902	289		2,589	
Gerrard			93 167 619 11	1,413	1,317		2,730	
Forest Hill	97 70 188	224 331 393	338 1,643 7 7 59	4,488	-	*	1114,488	
East York	25 33 48 68 37 88 68	150 150 106 106	131 178 866 3	2,011	4,012		116,023	
Eastern	482150	202 140 191 191	164 201 729 12	1,876	171		2,647	Branch
Harlscourt	l .	48829	-	1,538	1,091		2,629	Stock to Central Library Stock to Parliament Street Branch
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Deer Park	}		285 408 1,931 8	3,963	722		4,685	k 5 %
Danforth	327	137 117 117	140 1,129 4 8	2,207	984		3,191	ool Stoc
Bloor and Gladstone	28 11 72	177 156 106 92		1,733	861		2,594	P4 P4
Beaches	re 52 88	89 181 180 151		2,325	912		3,237	orary sferred sferred
Central	255 218 218 531	381 712 *1,131 933	907 907 3,010 1,451	10,691	2	· 7,261 985	\$21,088 3,237	Music Lil books tran books tran
	General Works Philosophy Religion Sociology	Language Natural Science Useful Arts Fine Arts	Tristory Travel Biography Ficton Other Languages. Reference.	Total Adult	Boys and Girls	Children. Schools. Settlements	Grand Total	• Including 507 in Music Library § Including 1,178 books transferred from ‡ Including 197 books transferred from

[•] Including 507 in Music Library
§ Including 1,178 books transferred from Pool Stock to Central Library
‡ Including 1,178 books transferred from Pool Stock to Parliament Street Branch
• Including 123 books transferred from Pool Stock to Travelling Branch
•• Including initial stock of Parliament Street Branch

CIRCULATING LIBRARIES: BOOK STOCK BY CLASSES AND LIBRARIES

1.010.T	2,687 8,034 9,034 21,776 1,294 15,311 35,632 57,084 40,555 28,459 32,860 32,860 43,744 118,836	3,585	161,275 1,339 62,299 9,212	669,030	
Yorkville	325 325 325 325 451 1,356 1,356 1,589 1,589 1,589	215	5,339	19,914	
роотужм	24 306 306 39 39 523 1,341 1,410 1,352 1,375 1,375 1,375 1,375 1,375 1,375 1,375	191	7,148	21,440	a.
Western	289 157 157 484 43 1,203 908 708 823 4,612 4,612	12	7,221	19,973	his tabl s table
Travelling Branch	22 148 85 105 105 105 148 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 18	9,317		49,317	totals of t
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St. Clements	261 261 268 258 258 793 793 793 1,469 1,389 1,396 1,39	314	7,020	24,573	ot include
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Riverdale	251 251 194 194 1,459 1,233 1,		7,359	21,360	e ik Town
Queen and Lisgar	35 231 140 483 31 474 1,310 1,026 1,026 1,027 1,227 1,227 5,011		6,199	19,559	ls Hous last You lorest H
Parliament Street	22,22 2094 2096 2096 2096 2097 1,062 1,076	109	9,963	122,139	† Boys and Girls House †† Property of East York Township—not included in totals of this table †† Property of Forest Hill Village—not included in totals of this table
George H. Locke	64 4911 4711 1,072 1,072 2,308 2,134 1,318	197	11,371	35,235	### ###
High Park	25 291 191 191 4466 1,085 1,075 1,075 1,075 1,075 1,075 1,08	199	6,927	20,270	
Drorrard.	282 256 128 438 438 24 1,134 1,134 1,053 768 904 1,106 1,106	159	10,262	22,423	
Forest Hill	9 180 180 180 180 180 180 190 190 190 190 190 190 190 190 190 19	4,488		1114,488	
East York	32.3 34.5 34.5 34.5 3.6 3.6 3.6 3.6 3.6 3.6 3.6 3.6 3.6 3.6		28,867	1143,738	_
Hastern	38 1150 150 150 1,222 1,222 1,222 1,186 906 993 4,929 4,929	13	8,039	21,958	Branch
Earlscourt	36 254 254 258 258 38 38 38 1,510 1,070 1,070 1,002 1,002 1,002 1,002 1,002 1,002	==	11,883	16,438 25,104	Stock to Central Library Stock to Parliament Street
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Deer Park	4219 3821 3821 507 1,753 1,763 1,763 1,763 1,763 1,932 1,932 1,932 1,932 1,932	-	8,495	28,007	Pool Stock to Central Library Pool Stock to Parliament Str
Danforth	293 293 226 226 563 31 1,564 1,564 1,072 1,083 1,316 1,316 1,316 1,316	- 1 -	9,905	24,869	Pool Sto
Bloor and	2334 2334 197 585 585 505 1,430 1,286 969 1,286 1,073 1,073 1,073 1,073 1,073 1,073	328	11,120	25,082	88
Beaches	1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 3	14,576	1,339 62,299 62,299	24,805	c Librar nsferred nsferred
Central	2,522 2,522 2,526 10,380 4,79 4,79 4,512 32,996 11,027 11,871 11,871 16,503	149,561 14,576 13	<u> </u>	\$237,452	8 in Musiv books tra- books tra-
	General Works Religiosophy Religiosophy Sociology Sociology Sociology Subarguage Viseful Arts Fine Arts Fine Arts History History Travel	Other Languages Reference Total Adult.	Boys and Girls. Hospital for Sick Children. Schools Settlements	Grand Total \$237,452 24,805 25	* Including 25,808 in Music Library \$ Including 1,178 books transferred fron ‡ Including 197 books transferred fron

^{*} Including 26,908 in Music Library
§ Including 1,178 books transferred from Pool Stock to Central Library
‡ Including 197 books transferred from Pool Stock to Parliament Street Branch
* Including 123 books transferred from Pool Stock to Travelling Branch

USE OF BOOKS DURING 1955

	Reference	Central	Beaches	Bloor and Gladstone	Danforth	Deer Park	Downtown	Earlscourt	Eastern	East York	Forest Hill	Gerrard	High Park
General Works. Philosophy. Psychology Religion. Sociology Language Natural Science Useful Arts Engineering Gardening Fine Arts† Music†† Amusements Literature Poetry Drama History. Travel. Biography Total Non-liction. Fiction. Other Languages. Total Adult. Boys and Girls Hospital for Sick Children.		3,976 8,326 1,029 1,029 13,307 23,314 5,515 2,120 16,677 24,637 10,534 14,223 6,000 10,780 20,429 21,620 34,871 246,806 132,219 42,611 421,636 118,409				2,125 193,384 50,631	2,961 1,252 2,043 6,969 503 3,617 9,030 1,836 1,669 5,150 5,764 3,741 6,134 989 2,476 8,496 11,234 17,512 86,390 93,690 93,690 182,176		338 750 2,208 85 2,516 4,103 1,451 910 1,889 230 2,205 2,199 453 788 4,444 4,611 6,915 37,109 34,343 71,711 69,806	737 981 3,034	31 23 23 13 34 11 21 28 4 4 50 35 37 393 770	333 1,449 1,532 3,042 863 342 1,701 220 1,346 1,588 341 729 2,838 2,785 24,552 26,449 222 51,223 95,377	974 514 7588 2,350 2,376 3,621 1,306 1,306 2,477 243 1,855 2,173 440 883 4,793 4,218 6,641 36,461 44,526 5,152 45,152 45,152
Total Boys and Girls			83,019							218,040	-		45,202
	††† 270,774												
Grand Total													
Total for 1954	279,407	1,352,580	186,782	153,653	187,807	252,061	184,164	159,697	150,963	315,654		144,272	136,635

[†] Plus 110,638 pictures circulated from Picture Collection

^{††} Plus 6,626 gramophone records circulated from Music Library

^{†††} No count is made of use of reference books in Circulating Libraries

^{**} Original deposit only—no count kept of circulation

[‡] John M. Innes Community Centre closed May 21, 1955

[▲] Forest Hill Branch opened December 5, 1955

[§] Parliament Street Branch opened January 13, 1955

USE OF BOOKS DURING 1955

Innes Community Centre	George H. Locke Memorial	Parliament Street	Oueen Elizabeth Hospital	Queen and Lisgar	Riverdale	Runnymede	Runnymede Hospital	St. Clements	Sunnybrook Hospital	Travelling Branch	Western	Wychwood	Yorkville	Total
1	512	197	1,068	109	808	492	76	148	1.067		530	423	158	13,272
5	2,978	922	21	667	456	1,235	ĭ	1,019	256	18	913	1,247	1,149	32,956
	1,523	353	4	182	455	716		493	45		355	828	302	15,634
2	3.057	911	106	334	593	793	15	1,173	205	54	651	730	682	28,931
1 2 7	7,484	1,980	83	1,621	1,636	3,400	33	2,992	1,135	34	2,300	3,035	3,322	81,117
2	280	139	15	89	88	90		98	145	3	180	158	81	4,212
2 9	6,300	1,971	147	1,893	1,932	2,754	33	2,397	929	75	2,085	2,182	1,595	64,643
23	10,882	3,753	94	2,341	2,868	5,376	52	3,954	1,122	59	3,452	3,699	3,354	112,695
5	2,486	940		892	746	1,050		878	330	3	1,304	620	615	28,796
	2,269	235	30	110	188	673	3	710	202	1	540	462	662	15,969
17	8,992	1,693	51	1,286	1,569	4,050	4	2,744	1,443	36	2,216	2,948	2,576	76,38 5
	799	130		125	200	334	6	297	69	1	161	349	168	30,289
7	5,139	1,700	41		1,179	2,315	14	1,919	690	24	1,504	1,727	1,476	51,984
14	7,745	1,631	224	1,426	1,371	3,152	77	3,179	1,177	152	2,315	3,127	3,718	75,668
7	1,548	445	25		356	596	21	680	387	29	427	614	466	18,138
2	3,819	613	21		593	1,360	15	1,535	150		675	1,442	1,376	36,182
19	11,555	2,807	126	2,856	3,076	5,302	59	5,076	3,916	51	4,497	4,454	4,989	122,584
37		2,934	920	2,336	2,874	6,434	148	5,160	3,923	178	4,090	4,678	6,755	137,230
58	24,784	5,331	1,170	4,527	4,813	8,797	248	8,594	3,428	273	6,030	9,942	11,422	217,348
216		28,685	4,146	22,736	25,801	48,919	805	43,046		991	34,225	42,665	44.866	1,164,033
235		26,318	9,702	21,800	23,559	60,071	2,252	60,462		2,338	32,447	53, 460	5 0,315	1,169,851
•	1,301	561	142	2,800	373	683	27	373	96	7	2,211	796	444	*65,175
451		55,564	13,990	47,336	49,733	109,673	3,084	103,881	43,715	3,336	68,883	96,914	95,625	2.399,059
680	95,269	62,168		43,832	61,811	30,611		39,197			33,989	47,072	17,480	1,350,159
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*ANALYSIS OF USE OF BOOKS IN OTHER LANGUAGES

Bulgarian	16	French	15,529	Ukrainian	1,397	Esperanto	21
Finnish	269	Italian	2,054	Czech	283	Hungarian	2,934
Polish	10.974	Spanish	1,619	Danish	217	Latin	35
Swedish	365	Yiddish	452	Dutch	2,212	Norwegian	93
Russian	4.952	Hebrew	203	Chinese	17	Portuguese	78
German	20,623	Lithuanian	218	Greek	181	Slovakian	62
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