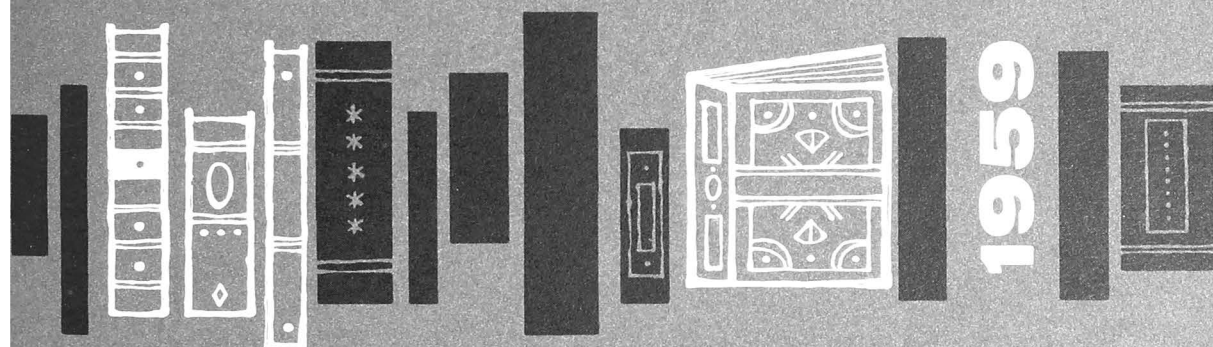


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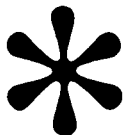


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REPORT

BY THE CHAIRMAN

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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The Public Library System of Toronto celebrated its 75th Anniversary on March 8th, 1959. The event inspired editorial encomiums and columnist congratulations and commendation. Mr. Frank Tumpane of the Toronto *Telegram* closed his column on this date with the statement "Flourish Toronto Public Library System, you are one of the best things we have". This anniversary was suitably recognized in the auditorium on the afternoon of April 15th, during the first Canadian Library Week, by the library trustees, civic representatives, staff and friends. A valuable historical account covering the days of the first free public library in Toronto was given in an address by Professor J. M. S. Careless of the Department of History of the University of Toronto.

In leasing the Howard Ferguson House at St. Clair Avenue and Avenue Road, the Board has provided most suitable and attractive accommodation for the wealth of music — texts, scores, recordings and reference material — which the Library possesses. This Toronto Music Library was officially opened on Saturday, April 18th, also during Canadian Library Week, by Sir Ernest

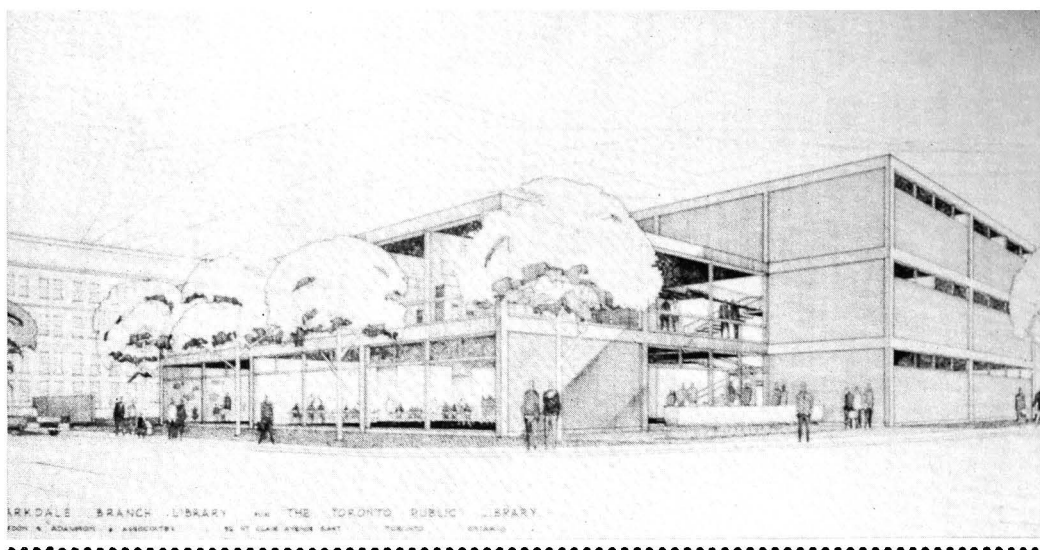


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*Dr. John M. Bennett, chairman of the Library Board, (left)
 with Sir Ernest MacMillan at opening of Music Library*

MacMillan who gave a brief address. The Music Library received a Nordheimer piano as a gift from Mrs. Albert Nordheimer, and an early English piano of Sheraton design, one of the first to arrive in Canada, was presented by Mrs. G. E. Kewin and placed in the Rare Music Room.

Further planning was carried on during the year leading towards the construction of a new Parkdale branch library. The other large library which the Board expects to see opened in a few years' time is that in the Toronto Civic Square.

Young Canada's Book Week in Toronto was suitably inaugurated at the City Hall by His Worship Mayor Phillips and a number of speakers, including Mr. Roy Sharp, Chairman of the Board of Education. Members of the Board of Control, representatives from the Ontario Department of Education, children from Orde Street School and members of our staff assisted in making this a noteworthy event. A special small mobile book display truck with a choice selection of books for boys and girls toured the city for six weeks. A list of 450 books *Good Books to*



*The proposed Parkdale Branch
(architects' sketch)*

Read was prepared by the staff of Boys and Girls House and widely distributed by the Canadian Library Association.

A fire which destroyed the books in the Queen and Lisgar Children's Room made it necessary to find a location for a new children's library. Through the generous co-operation of the Board of Education the Manning Boys and Girls Branch was opened three weeks after the fire, replacing the Queen and Lisgar children's library, St. Christopher House library, and Niagara Street and St. Mary's school libraries.

problems of finance

Faced by increasing demands for service on the Public Reference Library by residents of the Metropolitan area, and by the cost of building the Reference Library extension, the Library Board sought financial help from the Metropolitan Toronto Council. Mr. F. G. Gardiner, Chairman of the Council, and other members of the Executive Committee, gave favourable consideration to this request and a grant of \$76,480 was received.

The problems of financing salaries and current maintenance prompted a deputation from the Trustees and the Board of Control to wait on the Hon. Leslie Frost and members of his cabinet on March 17, 1959. A brief was submitted to the Government of Ontario asking for full payment of the Legislative Grant. The Toronto Public Library at the present time receives less than one-third of the amount to which it is entitled, in comparison with other public libraries in Ontario.

new pictorial collections

The Board in 1959 established the "Toronto and Early Canada Collection" to supplement the J. Ross Robertson Collection of historical Canadian pictures. This new collection will incorporate all pictures and drawings acquired by the Library since the receipt of the Robertson Collection in 1921. Some acquisitions made in the past year include the T. A. Reed collection of pictorial material on early Toronto, and a great number of important architectural plans acquired through the generosity of Prof. Eric Arthur. These collections along with other materials will be housed in the Toronto Room, to be opened once the addition to the Reference Library has been completed.

gifts to the library

The Toronto-Dominion Bank contributed \$2,500 towards the preparation of an illustrated catalogue of the pictures which will hang in the Toronto Room.

The Osborne Collection has received gifts from Mr. J. C. Boylen, Mrs. Joyce Bryson, Mrs. Ronald Smith, Mrs. Isabella Makin and from both Mr. and Mrs. Osborne who paid us a brief visit in June.

study of reading

The Board is sponsoring a Study of Reading in Toronto by Andrew Kapos, Ph.D., to assess the needs for educational opportunity of adults in Toronto whose mother tongue is not English.



Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Osborne looking at their presentation copy of the catalogue of the Osborne Collection, given to them by Mayor Nathan Phillips at the City Hall

the staff

The Library Board records with regret the retirement of Miss Lillias Alexander, Head of the Downtown Library, Miss Rita Lewis, Miss Helen Smith and Mr. Herbert Clark.

We are very much aware of the fact that the success of the work which the libraries are endeavouring to do in providing the ratepayers with the best books in all fields of knowledge and learning has been due to the personal interest and enthusiasm of the library personnel who meet the reading public. We appreciate the generous and efficient service given by librarians and assistants, and the business and maintenance staffs. My colleagues on the Board and I extend our sincere appreciation for the active interest shown by the staff at all times in the welfare of the library users of Toronto.

JOHN M. BENNETT
Chairman

CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REPORT



The work begun in 1957 to recast the services and activities of the Toronto Public Libraries in order that they can meet the changes which have taken place in our Metropolitan Toronto area went on apace in 1959. A powerful stimulus to this task was the survey carried out by Dr. Ralph Shaw on behalf of the public libraries of Metropolitan Toronto.

The survey of Dr. Shaw has pointed out the need for closer interdependence on the part of all thirteen public library boards in the metropolitan area. In making a recommendation for the establishment of a co-ordinating Metropolitan Library Board and assigning to it certain definite duties, Dr. Shaw has pointed out one way in which a certain necessary and essential unification of library services can be achieved.

A major activity dealt with in the survey is that of the book ordering and cataloguing policy of each independent library board. It is interesting to record that further co-operation in this matter was achieved in 1959 between Toronto and Swansea. Ordering and cataloguing in the Toronto Library system saw the greatest changes in 1959 and modifications introduced this year will be further expanded and increased in the years to come.

the choice of books

Central to all questions of higher standards in library service to readers is that of the growth of the library's book collection. Limited funds resulted in a reduction of the number of new books purchased for the adult divisions in 1959 as compared with the previous year. Every effort was made to resist pressures to buy the transitory and sensational book in favour of securing those which represent a wide range of human experience and interest.

Publishers in both Britain and the U.S.A. let loose a great outpouring of over 35,000 new books in 1959. When such an avalanche occurs, the task of the public libraries to make the best and most useful choice becomes more complex. Some estimate of

the size of the problem is gained from the fact that during 1959, 3,346 boys and girls titles, 6,279 new fiction titles, and in one subject area alone, that of religion, 1,794 new books were published — not counting reprints and translations. In all of these categories the Toronto Public Library could buy less than 10% of the titles available.

plays in the library

The report of Dr. Shaw stressed the dynamic role which libraries should play in co-operation with local groups and organizations. The Toronto Public Library has always welcomed joint participation in programmes of cultural and educational value and it is pleasing to record that in 1959 this was extended to a theatre and play group who made use of our remodelled auditorium for two plays by Ibsen and O'Neill.

library service in schools

One matter dealt with at some length by Dr. Shaw was that of standards of library service for boys and girls in the elementary schools in the metropolitan area. In the thirty-three or so years since the first school library was established by the Toronto Public Library Board these libraries have changed and developed to a great degree. They came into being in the first place, as they do still, because the need for libraries grew at a greater rate than the building of children's rooms throughout the city. In the last few years, the schools themselves have been able to add immeasurably to the effectiveness of these libraries by providing attractive and efficient quarters and equipment. By continuing co-operation and consultation, these libraries are gradually reaching the maximum effectiveness of which they are capable.

However, there has never yet been discovered the perfect solution for the provision of books for boys and girls in any community. There have always been duplication of effort and a waste of library skills and resources. Now is the time for careful planning and co-ordination of effort if this city is not to fall into the same errors which have caused so much difficulty in other communities.



During Canadian Library Week 1959, Mr. John M. Gray presented to the Library a copy of the Act of 1783 setting up a Commission of Enquiry on behalf of Loyalists of the American Revolution. Left to right: Mr. Gray, Miss Ruth Smith of the Reference Library staff and Chief Librarian H. C. Campbell

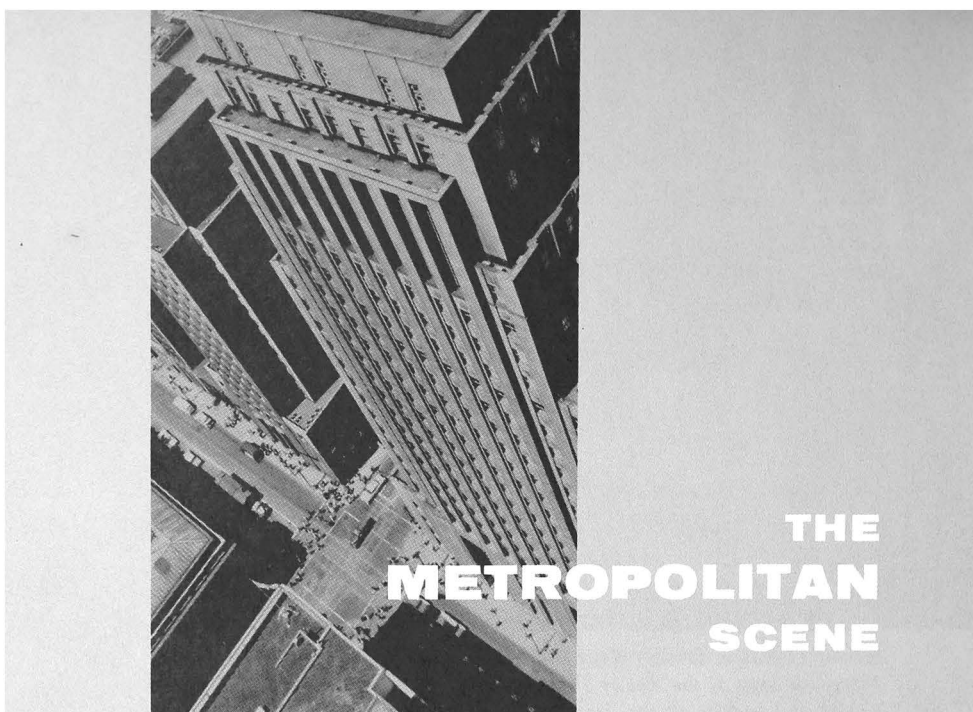
passport to truth

1959 saw the return among us of Mr. Hyman Kaplan. To devotees of Mr. Kaplan's wisdom and phraseology this was a happy event. In his preface heralding Mr. Kaplan's return, his creator, Leo Rosten, had this to say:

"Print is our passport to truth. It opens the richest empire man knows—the empire of the human heart and mind. Men die; devices change; success and fame run their course. But within the walls of even the smallest library in our land lie the treasures, the wisdom and the wonder of man's greatest adventures on this earth".

I am certain that the Library's goals in 1960, as in 1959, will continue to be to assist the citizens of the metropolitan area in achieving some knowledge of these treasures.

HENRY C. CAMPBELL
Chief Librarian



In making plans for 1960 the Toronto Public Library Board will seek an annual grant of \$100,000 from the Metropolitan Council in order to meet expanding current costs for services to non-residents of the City of Toronto. The report on the libraries of Metropolitan Toronto, prepared in 1959 by Dr. Ralph Shaw, recommended that "approximately one half of the cost of maintaining and servicing the reference collections of the Toronto Public Library, which serve all the people of Metro, and which could not be duplicated in the other municipalities, should be paid for by others, rather than by the taxpayers of the City of Toronto".

The purpose of the survey of libraries in Metropolitan Toronto was to indicate ways to achieve improved services and more economical service for the whole metropolitan area. Such resulting services should be of a standard that is equally as high or higher than now achieved. These objectives are in agreement with those which the staff of the Toronto Public Library have worked for many years to achieve, not only for residents of the City of Toronto but for residents of the surrounding townships as well.

metropolitan bibliographic centre

April 1959 saw the start of construction of the 250,000-volume addition to the Reference Library stacks and work areas. The inauguration of a Metropolitan Bibliographic Centre was carried a step forward by the appointment in December 1959 of Miss Dorothy Dingle, who will head it. This Centre, which will be located in the new Reference Library addition, will provide the focal point around which the libraries' circulation and reference collections can be developed over the years. It will record holdings of libraries in East York, Forest Hill and Toronto, and also holdings of special collections in the metropolitan area.

services to other libraries

The East York Board of Education, the East York Public Library Board and the Forest Hill Public Library Board continue to receive book ordering and book processing services by mutual agreement with the Toronto Public Library Board. The Swansea Memorial Public Library Board made a similar agreement in 1959, and the privileges of free use of the Toronto libraries were extended to residents of Swansea and Forest Hill.


metropolitan educational television association

The Toronto Public Library in 1959 joined with five leading educational bodies of Toronto to set up the Metropolitan Educational Television Association which presented two briefs to the Board of Broadcast Governors on the subject of the expansion of television in Toronto. The Library Board has signified its willingness to work for the establishment of a Toronto station which would provide educational television programmes.

metropolitan institutions receive books

In 1959 the Travelling Branch added the Metropolitan Toronto Jail to the list of those Metropolitan institutions now having book deposits made available from the Toronto Public Library.





*The Foreign Literature Centre
Queen and Lisgar Branch Library*

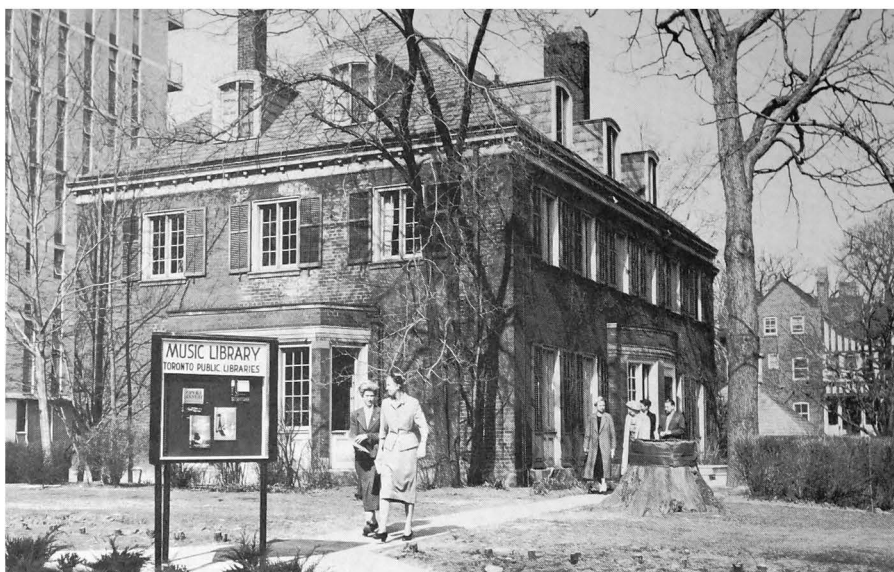
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

THE CIRCULATION DIVISION

With the challenge of a changing city still providing the background for circulation work, it is necessary for the branch librarian to examine her projects and problems through a sociological eye. It is a stimulating, if strenuous assignment for the librarian who finds readers of long standing steadily moving from the district and being replaced by non-English speaking and even uneducated immigrants.

Bloor and Gladstone Branch in such an unsettled section of the city is striving to build up a new clientele working through community planning organizations, schools, language clubs, churches and industrial plants. Parliament Street Branch, in enlisting the interest of key people in the district, finds that it is of value to invite the executive of the local branch of the Social Planning Council (of which the librarian is a member) to hold their meetings at the library.

Continuing established procedure, the librarians in all parts of the city explained the services of the Public Library to students in Evening Classes in English and Citizenship held in the Board of Education Schools and in the Separate Schools. About 1,600 students in various stages of learning English were told of the library's readiness to assist them. Best results are obtained



The Music Library in the Howard Ferguson House

when the teacher arranges to bring the class to the library, where the opportunity to browse among the books provides an informal and congenial atmosphere.

a move and a renovation

The Music Library moved in April to its own building, the Howard Ferguson House at 559 Avenue Road. With its residential rather than institutional surroundings, it is able in addition to its previous services, to maintain a rare book room, and to offer an attractive setting for concerts. Among the latter were the enthusiastically attended noon-hour concerts held throughout June and sponsored by the Recording and Trust Fund of the Musicians' Union.

The fire at Queen and Lisgar, although it caused considerable upheaval at the time, resulted in much improved quarters for the Adult Department and for the administrative work of the Foreign Literature Centre.

books . . . our essential equipment

The Book Selection Committee finds that the increase in numbers and cost of books and the pressure of mass media promotion poses many problems. Canadian readers scan three

English-language publishing fields: Canadian, English and American. Inevitably book selection policies are subject to recurring compromises.

As an example of costly purchases: 7 copies of Karsh's *Portraits of greatness*, 9 copies of McCarthy's *The stones of Florence*, and 14 sets of Life's *History of World War II* added up to a total list price of \$675.50. From time to time the Book Selection Committee opposes purchase of definitely mediocre books despite heavy sales promotion. Total additions dropped by 7% this year.

A Committee was appointed to investigate and evaluate literature reflecting and concerned with trends at mid-century, and their recommendations were incorporated in branch order lists.

As a pilot-project, paperbound books were introduced in the Parliament Street and Runnymede Branches and, on the basis of successful experience there, will be extended to twelve branches in 1960.

among our booklists

To introduce readers to selective reading on a variety of topics, a number of printed lists were issued. The *150 Books of the Last Three Years* (now in its 28th edition) has a constant following, and most popular of the briefer adult lists were *European novels, 1938-1958* and *What is Philosophy?* Bookmarks were prepared for younger teen-age readers, and the varied interests of young people were met with lists *I read about the past*, *Poetry and Drama*, *Sports*, *I read to find romance*, *Unforgettable People*, *Science Fiction*, *Animal Parade* and *Doctors and Nurses*.

A more personal service is supplied by individual branches. A tiny sampling shows: from Deer Park — a list of 100 Canadian books compiled for the use of volunteer workers connected with the Canadian Institute for the Blind, who write books in Braille. From Central — a list of novels depicting the life of various national groups or settlements throughout Canada. Western Branch worked in co-operation with a neighbouring church to plan a reading course, produced as a booklet, and including both religious books and those of general interest. The Foreign Literature Centre prepared a list of titles translated from English into German, of non-political novels, and suitable for re-translation into Czech.

in the newspapers

While special library events are reported as they occur, definite book information is sent regularly to daily and community newspapers. This includes a list of ten books of merit recommended by the librarians in different sections of the city in turn, and a quarterly list of books most in demand. The East end branches rotate in sending library articles to a local paper every two weeks, while Locke Branch is responsible for regular contributions to a North Toronto weekly. Downtown's "Library memo" (suggestions for business women) appearing weekly in a morning paper, has built up a following beyond the business world. Each month the Foreign Literature Centre sends to approximately twenty foreign-language newspapers a list of "Additions to the Library" in the language concerned.

some facts and figures

A comparison of 1949 and 1959 figures shows an increase of 8% in total adult circulation (but a decrease of 8% from the 1956 total) and an increase of 270% in circulation of foreign books (the largest increase in this group came between the years 1951 and 1952). The "census" count, based on the number of books in the homes of readers over one night in November rises steadily, showing a 44% increase over the ten years. The figures are all conditioned by the change from a two weeks to three weeks issue period in 1958.

young people's department

The past year has seen an expansion in library work with young people. More are joining the library, more are doing research and seeking to find answers to their questions. What are the reading interests of young people? Everything as diverse as manners, microbes, mathematics and moon-cars.

In 1959 Secondary School Libraries were contacted through visits, book lists, library clubs, book talks, displays and special posters. Our monthly newsletter about books now reaches 150 Secondary Schools in Canada, as well as government agencies, public libraries, publishers, newspapers and magazines.

A special bookmark for young people for Young Canada's Book Week was compiled by this department, and over 15,000 copies were sold in Canada. A wide use of the press includes magazine articles, weekly columns, and book lists.

During the Spring visits of the Grade VIII classes, 6,300 students were introduced to the adult library, heard book talks and registered. There were many "tours" of the Central Library highlighting the special displays.

The importance of the Kipling Room as a reading and reference centre for young people has steadily increased, and a second librarian has been appointed. Extra books, space and furniture have been acquired, but Kipling's facilities are not adequate to meet the demands placed upon it. Work with young people is gaining momentum in the branches too and the setting up of reference centres at George H. Locke and Bloor and Gladstone libraries is a first step towards meeting the ever-increasing interest of young readers throughout the city.

Robert Burns wrote:

*"O, wad some Pow'r the giftie gie us
To see oursels as ithers see us!"*

From young people we often gain more than we give.

ANNE M. WRIGHT
Head of Circulation Division

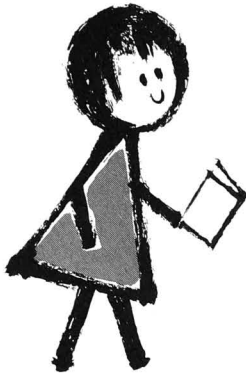


An evening of poetry reading at Parliament Street Library

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1959

circulation division

- * **Sunnybrook Hospital Library** The great event of the year for the whole hospital was the Queen's visit in June. Her Majesty spent about ten minutes in the library and was served tea.
- * **The Art Department** Originally set up as an adjunct of the Circulation Division, this department finds its services increasingly in demand by other sections of the Library. In 1959 the art staff participated in twenty-seven commercially printed projects originating in the Library.
- * **Play Reading** Open to all, eighteen play reading evenings were held at Parliament Street Branch during the year. These provided enriching reading experience for the participants, and have contributed to the "integration of the new Canadian". Canadians, English, a New Zealander, Negroes, Chinese, Japanese, Maltese, Dutch, German, Czecho-Slovak and North American Indian have joined these informal groups.
- * **Poetry Evenings** In April at Parliament Street Library, *The Titanic* by E. J. Pratt was read to an audience of 200, which included the author. For this evening, and for a similar one in November, the poetry chosen was required reading for Grade 13. This meant we were assured of an audience, and also received co-operation and thanks from the English teachers of more than one school.
- * **Senior Citizens** The city's plan to provide residences for senior citizens has been noted by several libraries and an effort made to consider the particular needs of these readers.
- * **Training Course** A number of Circulation Division assistants participated in the training course held during the Spring for Assistants in Public Departments. Five talks, with discussion, were held, covering the history and organization of the Toronto Public Libraries as well as the various phases of the assistants' duties.



HIGHROADS TO PLEASURE THROUGH READING

The Boys and Girls Service of the Toronto Public Libraries faces the challenge of a growing city

One afternoon a librarian was present at a TV rehearsal. One of the producers came to her and said, "You're a librarian, aren't you? When I was a kid I used to go to the library a lot, and there's one book I remember particularly. I wonder if you know it. It was called *The box of delights*." "Why yes," the librarian replied, "It's by John Masfield." "Oh no," said the young man. "It couldn't be. It's a kid's book." And off he went. Later the young man came back and continued the conversation. "I've just remembered there's another book about the same boy and his name was Kay." "Yes, that's *The midnight folk* and it's by John Masfield too," the librarian answered. "Not the John Masfield?" and off he went, shaking his head and muttering to himself, amazed to learn that long ago he had discovered, unwittingly, the works of that matchless teller of tales of adventure, the poet laureate, through his children's stories.

Over the years it has been the pleasure of the librarians of the Toronto Public Library to introduce many hundreds of thousands of children to the joy and reward of reading books that delight and enthrall.

in the beginning

The foundation of the present boys and girls libraries was laid on March 6th, 1884, when the central building of the Toronto Public Library was opened and when, in its first purchase of 21,000 books, 3,000 were allotted for children.

On November 6th, 1909, the new Central Library was inaugurated and on that day the *Evening Telegram* wrote, "One of the features of the new College Street Library is the children's room."

In 1912, impressed by the enquiries of the children of the city for books and the possibilities of work with them, a decisive step was taken. On June 13th, the Library Board appointed Lillian H. Smith, a graduate of the University of Toronto and a specialist in library science in the Carnegie Institute of Technology, to head the children's department. *The Daily Star* gave three headlines to the announcement of the decision of the Toronto Public Library Board to appoint a "Library Specialist for Children's Work" and went on to say that Dr. Locke had big plans to make the Library and its nine branches real centres of entertainment and improvement to the children of the city. "At present", he stated, "there are children's departments in all the branches, but they are under the supervision of the regular attendants, while among librarians generally this has come to be recognized as the work of specialists."

from 1912 to 1922

The work began to expand immediately. In December, 1912, the first of the annual Christmas book displays was held. In the period between November 14th and December 6th, some 1,800 people visited the display, which was intended to "aid parents to choose the best literature for Christmas presents".

By 1921 the number of branches had increased from two to fourteen, the circulation from thirty thousand to over half a million. The first "Children's Book Week" was held in 1921 and the report of the College Street children's librarian that year indicates that something had to be done to meet this upsurging interest in children's reading.

The answer was the establishment of Boys and Girls House at 40 St. George Street in 1922. "The opening of the Boys and Girls House on September 11th marks the most significant event in the history of children's work in Toronto and points to a rapid advance in the development of our work with boys and girls" read the report of the Chief Librarian.

the place of boys and girls house

Since 1922 the development of the work at Boys and Girls House has been rapid and varied. Nineteen children's libraries and thirty libraries in schools have been established, each with a trained "specialist" in charge. From the beginning book selection was an important feature of the work and emphasis has been placed continuously on the quality of reading offered to the children.

Boys and Girls House has been a centre for training of the staff. Staff meetings are held here and groups or classes meet to discuss such fields as story-telling and basic literature. Through the years, this intensive training has contributed to the effectiveness of the daily work in the library system. Stories, puppet shows, articles, and talks to parents, group leaders and teachers have helped to create an interest in children's work outside the library.

the osborne collection

Visitors have come to Boys and Girls House from many different places and for many different purposes. One of these visitors was Edgar Osborne, county librarian of Derbyshire, England. The fruit of his visit became evident when, in 1949, he presented to Boys and Girls House his unique collection of English children's books, published between 1560 and 1910.

public libraries in schools

From the very first, there was close co-operation between the city schools and the children's libraries. When it became evident that the need for books and libraries was growing at a greater rate than the building of children's rooms, a co-operative



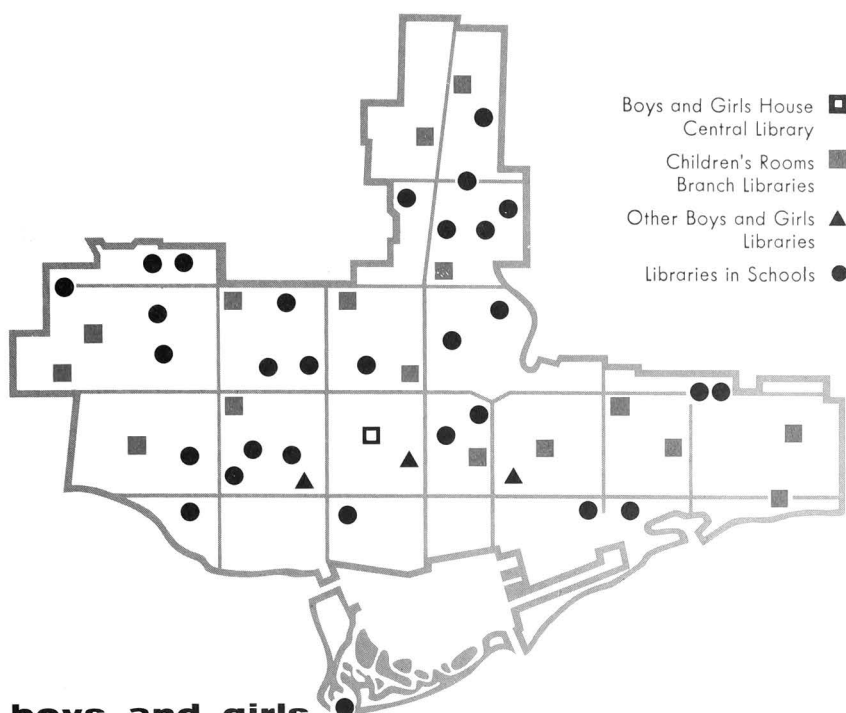
"Good Books to Read", a travelling display of 450 children's books, toured Toronto during and after Young Canada's Book Week



The Manning Boys and Girls Library has its own building on the grounds of the Charles G. Fraser School

The Regent Park Boys and Girls Library, located in Regent Park School, serves the whole neighbourhood





boys and girls
PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES
in the city of toronto

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experiment was begun. In 1926, the Toronto Public Library placed a collection of books in Queen Victoria School "to be looked after by a children's librarian and circulated to the children during school hours". This was done in response to a request from the principal of the school who pointed out that this school was too far from both High Park and Dovercourt libraries for the children to borrow books. This was the first step taken in establishing the school library system.

In the thirty-four years since the first school library was opened, the nature of these libraries has changed and developed to a great degree. Today a network of 49 children's libraries, 30 of them in schools, is able to serve the 100,000 boys and girls who live in the City of Toronto. 740,000 books were circulated to the children in the school libraries, but this number is only a part of the 1,900,000 books circulated to boys and girls through the public library system as a whole.

Over the years it has been amply demonstrated that a small collection of books in a classroom is not a library and adequate library service demands that boys and girls have the help and advice of a librarian to guide them in their choice of books. Few of the public libraries in the schools are able to give the level of service of a children's library nor can they provide a service that is equal to the educational requirements of the present moment.

By continuing co-operation and consultation, however, it is expected that these libraries can reach the maximum effectiveness of which they are capable.

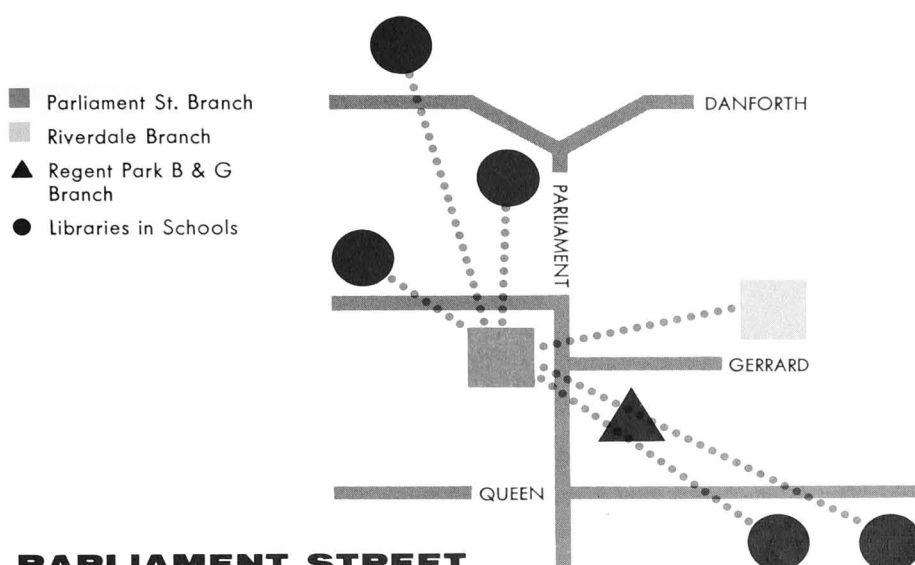
the changing city presents a challenge

New aspects of the city's rapid development require new methods of approach. One of the most significant events affecting children's public libraries has been the decision of school authorities to establish their own libraries and to provide a plentiful supply of books. These changes in the school system must be considered very carefully by the public library in a re-examination of its own policies and in its plans for the future.

Library service for adults is tending toward the development of strong regional centres. This pattern can also be applied to libraries for children. In such schemes as that set up in 1959 in the Parliament regional system in Toronto, a supervisor has been placed in charge of children's public library service for a large, fairly homogeneous district. It is hoped that this will strengthen the work with the children by bringing together the larger staff and the stronger stock of books of a large library to lend support to two smaller children's libraries and the five school libraries which are required to serve this area.

Also in 1959, two boys and girls public libraries were set up in independent premises on public school grounds or in a school building to serve the children of several schools in the surrounding neighbourhood, rather than those of a single school.

These experiments may form a new pattern for children's library service in certain parts of the city.



PARLIAMENT STREET boys and girls REGIONAL LIBRARY NETWORK

looking to the future

The one unswerving policy of the Toronto Public Library Board is to provide books—the best books—for all the children of Toronto, wherever they may live. It is their belief that these boys and girls can be served best through the use of the children's rooms and that means must be found to ensure that such centres are available wherever they are needed.

Whatever the future holds, the root of the matter still lies in preserving the quality of the work achieved by the librarians in the children's libraries throughout the city. As one of the children's librarians puts it, "Nothing can replace the old-fashioned book-filled room where children can read and browse and be helped. Let's have more of them, not less. Let's have longer, not shorter hours to be open. Let's have more librarians. Let's keep the library real, serving the individual not the mass, leading not following, building human beings, not robots!"

JEAN THOMSON
Head of Boys and Girls Division

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1959

boys and girls division

- * To mark the publication of the Osborne Catalogue, an exhibit of 300 books was displayed in the Exhibition Gallery of the Reference Library, and officially opened by the President of the University of Toronto, Dr. Claude Bissell, on January 10th. 1,350 people visited the exhibition during January. *Provincial's Paper*, the quarterly publication of Provincial Paper Limited, devoted an entire issue to the Osborne Collection and 8,000 copies of this were distributed around the world.
- * Among the more important additions to the Osborne Collection during the year were:
 - Floures for Latine speakyng*, a translation of Terence by Nicholas Udall published in London in 1560 and now the oldest book in the Osborne Collection.
 - The history of little Goody Two-Shoes* in the 1780 edition.
 - A child's garden of verses* by Robert Louis Stevenson in the first edition, 1885.
- * A collection of children's books about Canada and by Canadians was displayed at the International Reading Association convention at the Royal York Hotel.
- * During the month of November and early December, 16 book displays and exhibits from the "Good Books to Read" travelling library were arranged for Home and School meetings and other organizations.
- * Children's librarians took part in two television programmes and nine radio broadcasts. Special groups addressed by librarians included Home and School meetings, women's organizations, nurses in training, child study groups, vocational guidance groups, teachers in training and the Michigan Library Association.
- * The supplement to *Books for boys and girls*, an annotated book-list of 550 titles, went to press in December.

THE REFERENCE DIVISION



*"Hear ye not the hum
Of mighty workings?"*

These words of Keats might have been applied in various ways to Reference operations in 1959. True, the word "hum" is a triumph of understatement if used to describe the bangings and crashings that have been reverberating through these halls of learning; but mighty workings at any rate have been proceeding in the building of the new wing with its greatly needed new stacks, offices and working space for staff and public.

Mighty workings, too, there have been on the part of a lively and resourceful staff, who have been operating throughout a difficult year with undiminished zeal and skill.

growing service

Reference services, far from deteriorating in the midst of frustrations and disturbances, showed a substantial increase over the preceding year. In fact, in 1959, the use of reference materials (including books, pamphlets, periodicals, clipping files, maps, bound newspapers, microfilms and manuscripts) in General Reference and the Hallam Room of Business and Technology, was the greatest in the past twenty years; and for the first time since present methods of recording Reference statistics were instituted, passed the 300,000 mark.

194,263 readers came to General Reference and Hallam, 7,879 more than in 1958. There was again a slight increase in the number of visitors to the John Ross Robertson Gallery, totalling 13,213 in 1959. From the Circulating Picture Collection 116,810 pictures were loaned, an increase of nearly 7,000 over the previous year. Telephone enquiries in the various sections of the Reference Division amounted to more than 42,000.

photography

There was a marked increase in the work of the Photographic Service in 1959. 3,237 photocopies, 255 enlargements, 210 negatives and 93 John Ross Robertson pictures were reproduced, compared with 2,440 photocopies, 135 enlargements, 90 negatives and 83 John Ross Robertson pictures, in 1958.

Towards the end of the year, it was decided to have the Toronto *Globe* filmed for the years not yet covered by the Canadian Library Association Microfilm Project. This has entailed collating the Reference copies, and those of the Legislative Library of Ontario, which is co-operating in this work. By the end of 1959 the years 1870 to 1872 had been filmed.

An interesting use was made of the Photographic Service for Josiah Wedgwood & Sons Ltd., in the preparation of the design of its commemorative plate for the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Five early aquatints from the John Ross Robertson Collection were photographed and sent to England for this purpose.

publications

FIRST SUPPLEMENT TO A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CANADIANA

To celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Toronto, the first supplement to *A Bibliography of Canadiana* was published in 1959. Financial assistance which made this possible was received from the City of Toronto and the Canada Council. The Supplement was edited by Miss Gertrude M. Boyle, assisted by Miss Marjorie Colbeck, and the production supervised by Miss Dorothy Dingle, then Head of the Cataloguing Department. This important publication is the result of twenty-five years of selection and acquisition of materials by the Reference Division and its appearance has been greeted with enthusiasm by collectors and users of early Canadian books and other publications.

THE ARTHUR PAPERS

The third and final volume of *The Arthur Papers* appeared in 1959, with a complete index which was the work of Miss Laura E. Loeber, the former Head of the Reference Division. Dr. Charles

R. Sanderson, the former Chief Librarian, had edited and published the first three Parts in 1943, 1947 and 1949, and the work on Part IV and Volume 3 was completed by Miss Edith Firth since his death in 1956. The thanks of the Toronto Public Library are extended to the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the University of Toronto Press for their assistance.

CANADIAN CATALOGUE

The work of re-issuing the *Canadian Catalogue* by photographic process was completed in 1959. It is now available in two volumes each with an author index. Volume 2, 1940-1949, was published in June and Volume 1, 1921-1939, was published in the latter part of December, 1959. Mrs. Dorothy Chatwin, with the assistance of Mrs. M. Bond, was responsible for the work.

CANADIAN BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL INDEX

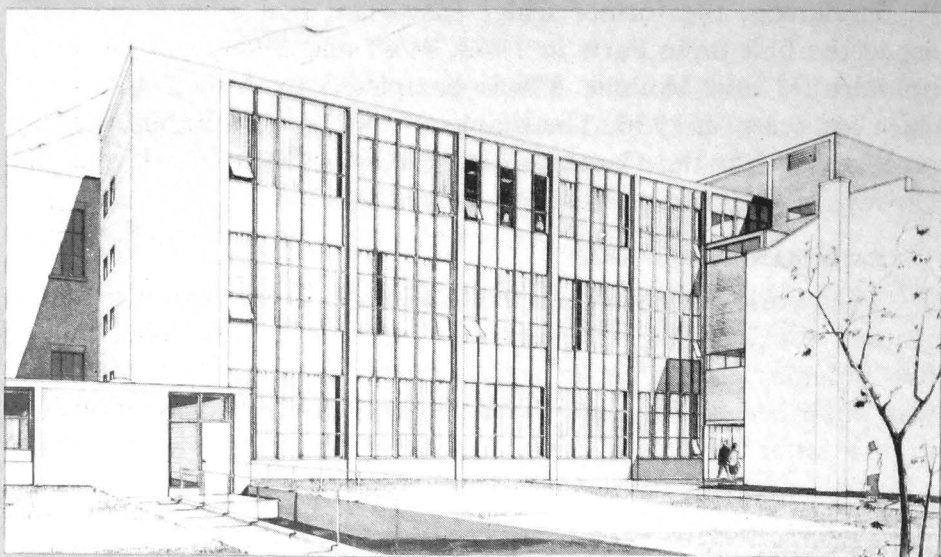
The publication of the *Canadian Business and Technical Index* was begun in 1959, with Mrs. Nancy Gloger appointed as Indexer-in-Charge, under the supervision of Mr. Donald A. Watt, Head of the Business and Technical Section. It was issued bi-monthly, with a semi-annual cumulation in June and an annual cumulation at the end of the year. Thirty Canadian periodicals were indexed regularly.

A new method of publication was used. Subject headings and indexed items were typed on separate four-by-six cards, using an electric typewriter. The cards were then taped, overlapping each other, to large sheets of cardboard. These were photographed and reduced in size by the Xerox process, and the resulting plates were run off to form pages of the Index. The particular advantage of the method is that the cards can be removed from the cardboard and used again as often as necessary.

The Index was sold on a subscription basis, and was supplied to subscribers in loose-leaf form, with a binder. The final cumulation was published in bound form.

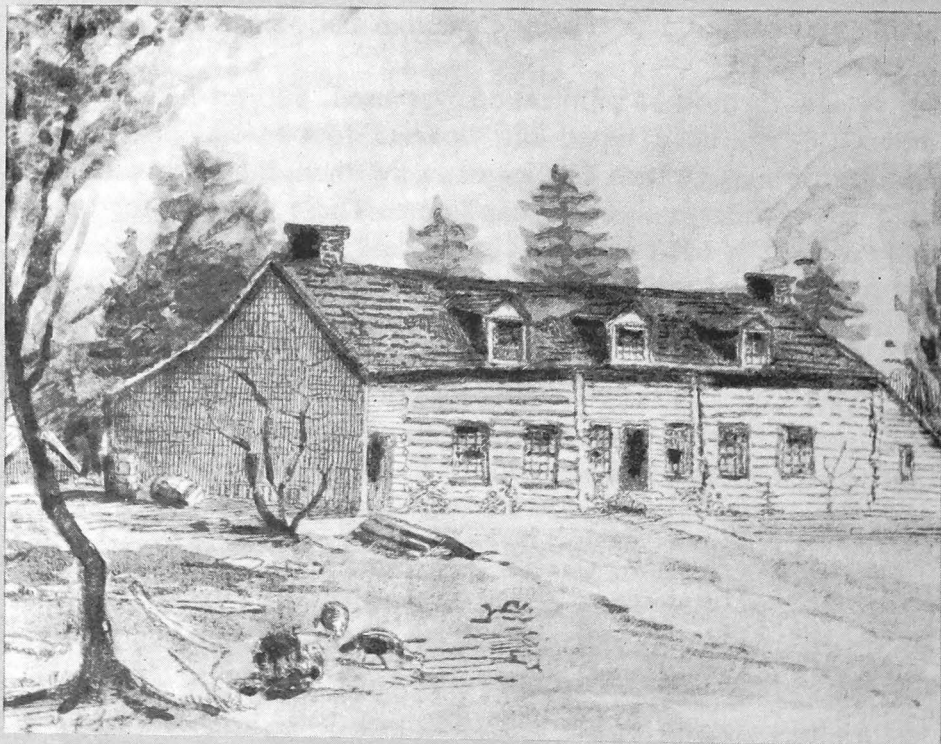
RECORDING TORONTO

Recording Toronto was produced during the year. This catalogue of pictures of more than 300 buildings and street scenes in the Town of York and the City of Toronto was compiled by Miss Elspeth Smith, Librarian-in-Charge of the Picture Collection. The pictures were selected from the John Ross Robertson Collec-



The Reference Library Extension (architects' sketch)

"The Scadding Homestead"—one of the pictures from the John Ross Robertson Collection



tion, the Robertson scrapbooks, and recent acquisitions by the Library, including the T. A. Reed Collection. The majority of the pictures are from the John Ross Robertson Collection and were chosen for the importance of the building or its owner, the type of architecture or to point up the great change in some of the more important localities in the city.

manuscripts and rare canadiana

There was an air of expectation in the rare Canadiana section as preparations went forward for moving into the new wing.

Through the year, the collection was enriched by purchase and gift. Three outstanding acquisitions should be particularly mentioned. The first is an important collection of 264 ordinances, acts and proclamations of the governors of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, from 1858 to 1871. Another outstanding acquisition is the Langley architectural plans and drawings, generously given the Library by Prof. E. R. Arthur. This important collection includes over one hundred plans of Ontario buildings, dating from the 1850's to the 1920's.

The third major acquisition of the year was the T. A. Reed collection. The late Mr. Reed was for many years the outstanding authority on Toronto past, and his large collection of photographs of Toronto scenes, each with its matching slide and glass negative, is unique. In the collection there are also sixteen well-indexed volumes of clippings and manuscripts concerning old Toronto, as well as a number of fine maps and notes by Mr. Reed on many aspects of Toronto history.

fine art and circulating picture collection

At the beginning of October Mr. Alan Suddon was released from his duties in General Reference to devote his full time to the organization of the Fine Art Section of which he had been appointed Head. Plans for the Fine Art Section were developed to include the Central Circulating collection of books on the arts as well as the Reference Division's art collections, the Circulating Picture Collection and the non-Toronto pictures from the John Ross Robertson Collection.

Integrating the Reference and Circulating collections and catalogues began, involving so far the transfer of over 500 titles. These have included books from the existing Reference collection, suitable for circulation, and books from the Central Circulating collection infrequently requested but of permanent value.

New storage space for pictures from the John Ross Robertson Collection has been designed, facilitating a rearrangement of the collection into Toronto and non-Toronto material.

178 new titles were purchased for the reference collection including the August Klipstein Catalogue of the Graphic Work of Käthe Kollwitz and two privately printed woodcut books by Antonio Frasconi.

history-in-the-making

Throughout all the planning and organizing and changing environment of the year the daily work went steadily forward. As always, it was a fascinating study to discern the trends of thought on the part of the public that emerged from their requests for information, and to realize the far wider public that was reached through the use of Reference materials by writers, artists, speakers, radio broadcasters and telecasters, among others.

There is a constant sense of awareness of history-in-the-making, for the interests and events of the time are immediately reflected in the enquiries for reference materials.

Three separate events of 1959, for which reference materials were in particular demand, if considered together might well be said to epitomize the building of a new world: the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway, the flight of Russia's rocket to the moon, and — not as spectacular, perhaps, but even more important as it is primarily and directly concerned with man himself — the inauguration of World Refugee Year.

*"These, these will give the world another heart,
And other pulses. Hear ye not the hum
Of mighty workings? —————"*

JEAN MacMILLAN
Head of Reference Division



"Books from Japan" Exhibit

*Miss Jean MacMillan,
head of Reference,
with Mrs. Mateo Endo,
wife of the Consul of Japan*



Four exhibits were held in the Exhibition Gallery of the Reference Library during 1959:

Early Children's Books from the Osborne Collection, 1566-1910

Books from Japan

CISPEX—a stamp exhibit arranged by the Canadian Association for Israel Philately

Madoc Art Centre

In the John Ross Robertson Gallery, a number of special exhibits were arranged, including a selection of the Robertson pictures showing places affected by the St. Lawrence Seaway; photographs of Quebec City by "Crouton" (François Lafortune); exhibits by the Canadian Latvian Society of Artists and the Colour and Form Society; and water-colour sketches and ceramic birds by Eugenia Berlin.

Boys and Girls House held three art exhibits in the "Little Theatre": paintings by Israeli children; Vernon Mould's illustrations from *Proud Ages*, and bird paintings by the young Canadian naturalist, Barry Kent MacKay.

"The Making of a Book", showing the stages in the production of a book by the offset lithographic process, was a special display in Central Circulating Library.

Beaches Branch Library sponsored eleven art exhibits which included water colours, gouaches, oil paintings, photography, arts and crafts by students of a neighbouring collegiate, and one memory-evoking display depicting early days in the Beaches district, arranged by the Kew Beach Junior Historical Society.

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION



Late in 1958 the Technical Services Division was formed and on January 4th, 1959, I took up the position as its Head.

During this first year of operation it has been my pleasure to administer the Registration Department, Cataloguing Department, Book Repair and Binding Section and the Order Department. I have also been responsible for the mechanical book-charging installations and I have been involved in a variety of other activities such as educational television, exchanging books with other libraries, helping to design the auditorium improvements, obtaining and outfitting a little bookmobile for Young Canada's Book Week, the bi-monthly production of the *Canadian Business and Technical Index*, the publication of *A Bibliography of Canadiana, First Supplement*, and the acquiring and processing of our new paperbound book collection.

extension of photocharging

Danforth, Runnymede and Beaches Branches were converted to photocharging with the use of edge-punched key-sort cards and microfilm cameras, bringing to ten the total number of branches now benefitting from the use of this system. New desk installations were built for St. Clements, Yorkville and Downtown Branches.

registration department

With no increase in staff this department has borne a considerable increase in work over the previous year. New registrations and overdue notices mailed out increased over previous years.

binding and book repair department

The big event in 1959 was the move of this department from near the reading room to temporary quarters in the former music library. Total volumes sent out for binding were 7,318 at an

average cost of \$2.70 per volume. Books were repaired at an average cost of about \$1.40 per volume.

A special and interesting job was the restoration of the smoke-stained books from the Queen and Lisgar Branch. About 13,426 books were sent out to be cleaned, chemically washed and sprayed with pine scent.

order department

In an attempt to shorten the processing of books without an increase in staff, it was necessary to bring about a reorganization of the Order Department.

The use of an electric pasting machine was an unqualified success and was accompanied by the elimination of the book plate on Circulation books and the stamping of plates and pages.

The accessioning of Reference books was eliminated.

A numbering machine enabled us to apply accession numbers to the book card, the book pocket, the book and the order card of books in the Circulation Division much faster.

The routing of all books was completely rearranged. One copy became the master copy which moved through the order and cataloguing routine with the order card attached to be matched up with the other copies for finishing.

The Boys and Girls processing section was brought under the direct supervision of the Order Department for greater flexibility.

A business systems firm was used to help us design an ordering routine using multiple forms so that book orders could be assembled daily rather than twice a month and so that the details needed for ordering a book could be used in other parts of the book processing operation. Our new forms were used for the first time in December.

For the first time in 1959, plastic jackets were applied to 11,000 new books. Gradually this will result in a more attractive collection and savings in the cost of repairing the books.

cataloguing department

The efforts to co-ordinate the processing of books, the establishment of the Bibliographic Centre, the setting up of the Fine Art library as a combination of circulation and reference material and the decision to departmentalize the card catalogues as well as the book collections have brought many changes to the Cataloguing Department and added enormously to its work load.

In line with policy changes the staff of the department was organized into subject teams to correspond roughly to the subject divisions of the Library as a whole.

With the long range objective of standardizing the cataloguing procedures for reference and circulating materials, the division of the staff into reference and circulation cataloguers was abandoned.

The establishment of the Bibliographic Centre took four staff members from the department before changes to make up for this loss became effective. In preparation for the opening of the Centre in 1960, a mammoth filing job was begun which will result in a union catalogue of Library holdings being set up in the Centre.

The public catalogue from Queen and Lisgar was brought into the department and restored to a usable state after the fire and 15,000 extra shelf list cards were typed for the Foreign Literature Collection.

There have been numerous staff changes and we ended the year with Miss Hazel MacTaggart as the new head of the department, and Miss Eldred Fulton as senior cataloguer.

All this activity is leading to one objective: faster service to the public. We have laid most of the groundwork in 1959. We hope to see its justification in 1960.

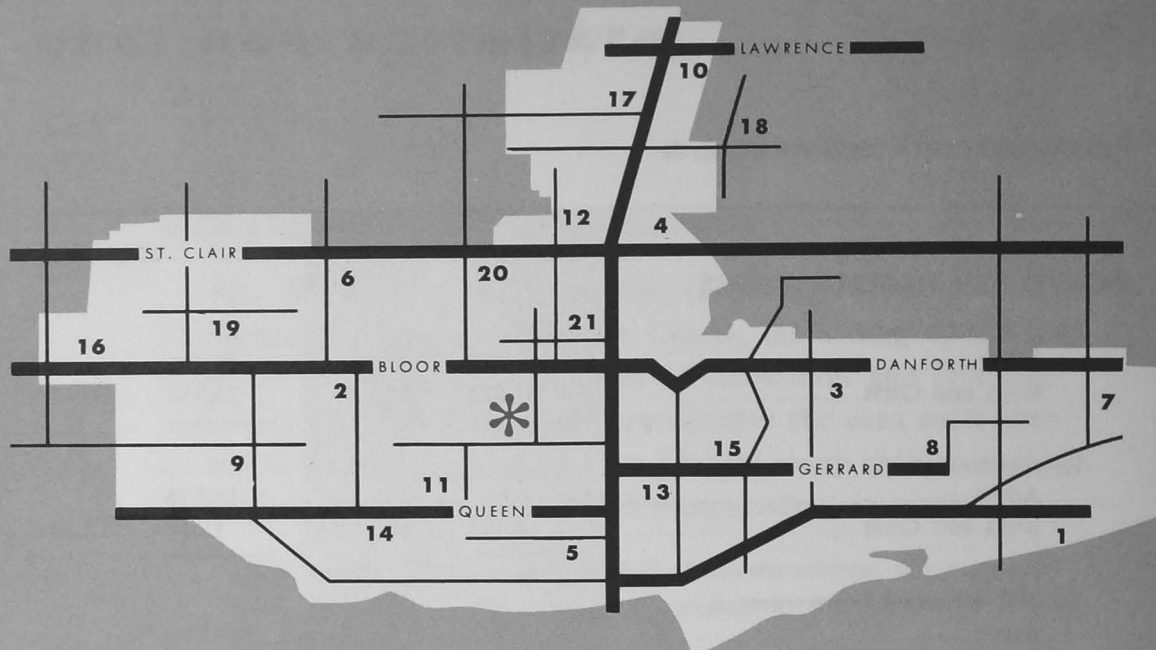
A. W. BOWRON

Head of Technical Services Division

STATISTICS FOR 1959

technical services

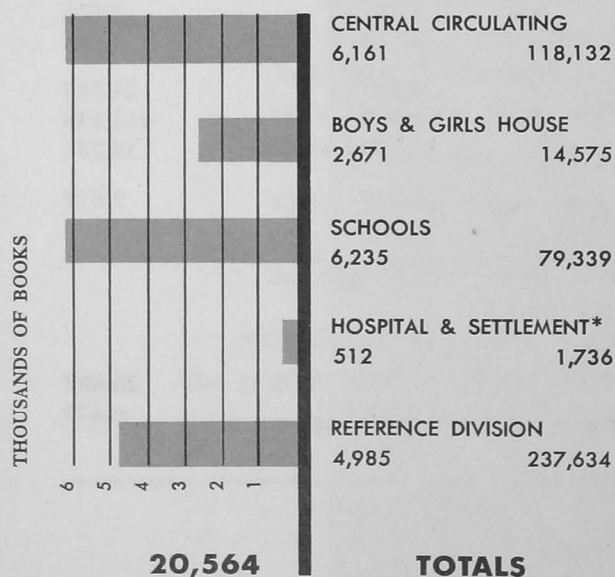
| | 1959 | | 1958 | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| BORROWER REGISTRATIONS | | | | |
| New Registrations: | | | | |
| Adult | 47,539 | | 45,323 | |
| Boys and Girls | 24,281 | 71,820 | 25,131 | 70,454 |
| | | | | |
| Re-registrations: | | | | |
| Adult | 9,692 | | 13,376 | |
| Boys and Girls | 4,438 | 14,130 | 5,218 | 18,594 |
| | | | | |
| Total Registered Borrowers: | | | | |
| Adult | 210,125 | | 208,388 | |
| Boys and Girls | 77,231 | 287,356 | 76,936 | 285,324 |
| | | | | |
| CATALOGUING DEPARTMENT | | | | |
| CIRCULATION DIVISION | | | | |
| New titles catalogued | 4,696 | | 5,144 | |
| Volumes catalogued | 30,351 | | 29,262 | |
| | | | | |
| REFERENCE DIVISION | | | | |
| New titles catalogued | 2,371 | | 2,006 | |
| Volumes catalogued | 4,545 | | 4,085 | |
| | | | | |
| Books withdrawn | 20,513 | | 22,787 | |
| Cards produced | 130,448 | | 113,139 | |
| Cards filed in catalogues | 39,738 | | 38,245 | |
| | | | | |
| Telephone enquiries answered | 3,267 | | 3,617 | |
| | | | | |
| BINDING AND BOOK REPAIR | | | | |
| Books repaired | 25,600 | | 26,483 | |
| Books bound | 7,318 | | 6,479 | |
| | | | | |
| ORDER DEPARTMENT | | | | |
| Books processed | 97,628 | | 94,933 | |
| Books covered with plastic jackets | 11,000 | | — | |



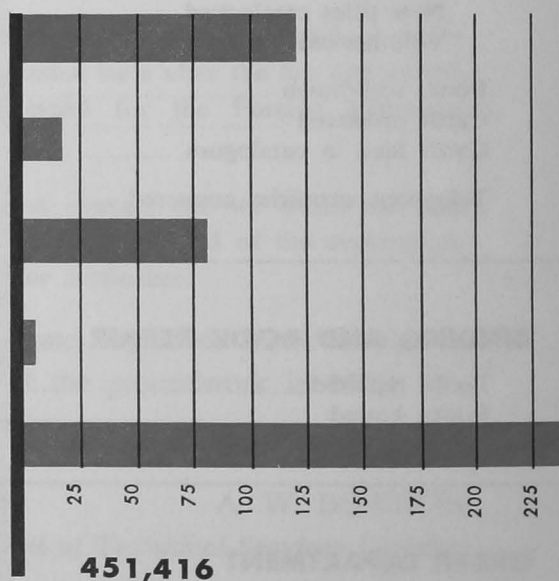
* CENTRAL LIBRARY

circulating and reference

BOOKS ADDED DURING 1959



BOOK STOCK

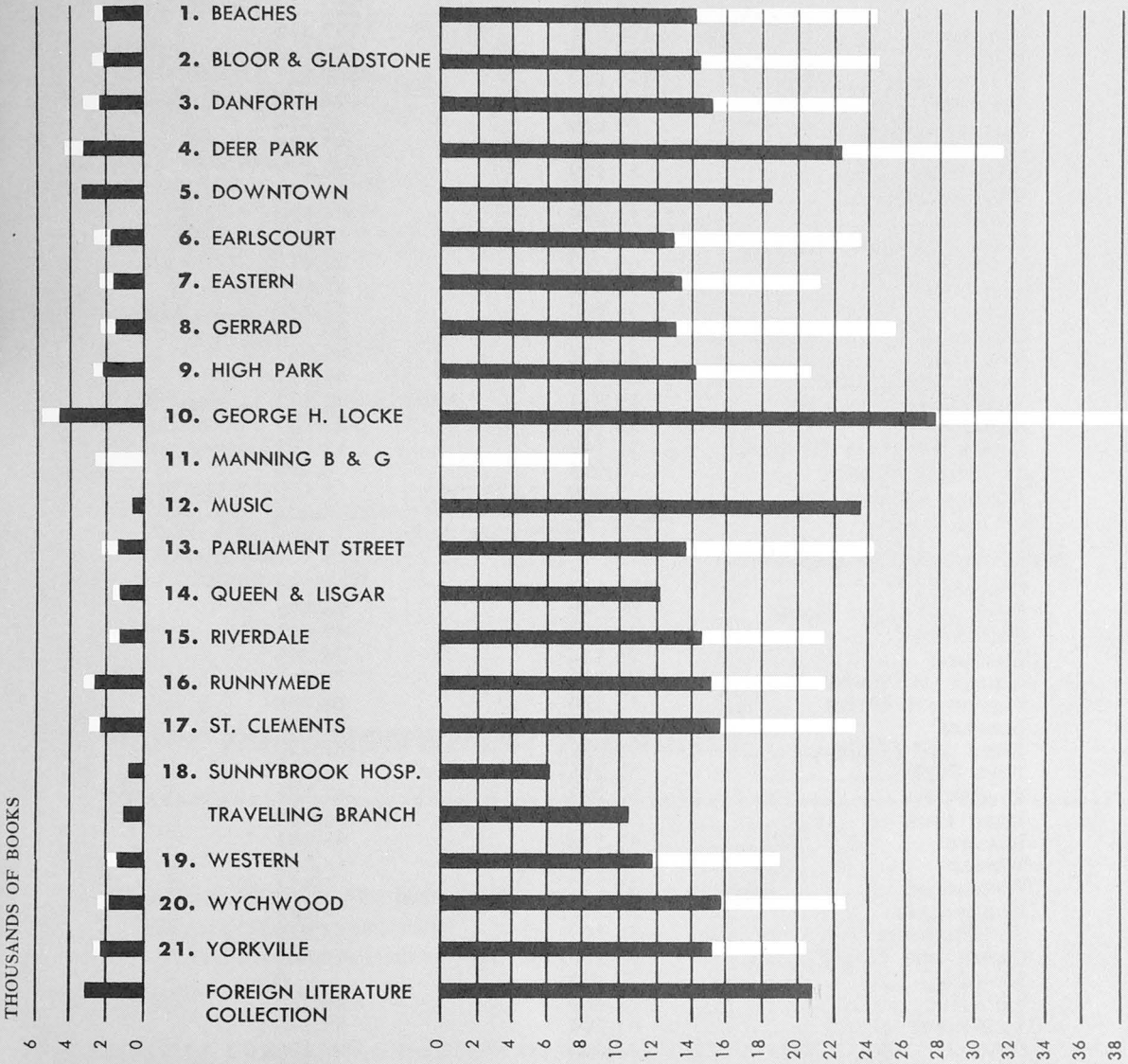


* Settlement Library closed during the year.

BRANCH LIBRARIES

BOOKS ADDED DURING 1959

BOOK STOCK



■ ADULTS
□ BOYS & GIRLS

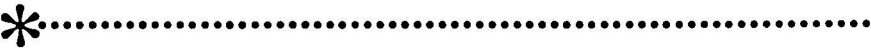
TOTAL BOOKS ADDED : ADULT—44,638
: BOYS & GIRLS—12,809
: TOTAL—57,447

TOTAL BOOK STOCK : ADULT—340,308
: BOYS & GIRLS—147,111
: TOTAL—487,419

USE OF BOOKS DURING THE YEAR

| | 1959 | 1958 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| REFERENCE , including government documents, patents, maps | 308,227 | 280,858 |
| ADULT CIRCULATING LIBRARIES | | |
| Central | 355,151 | 373,129 |
| George H. Locke Memorial .. | 264,903 | 266,776 |
| Deer Park | 219,035 | 222,251 |
| Downtown | 198,031 | 197,576 |
| Yorkville | 130,787 | 132,309 |
| St. Clements | 111,807 | 107,921 |
| Beaches | 106,229 | 106,128 |
| Runnymede | 99,909 | 99,354 |
| Danforth | 92,810 | 97,986 |
| High Park | 87,179 | 92,279 |
| Wychwood | 85,591 | 86,407 |
| Eastern | 75,089 | 74,920 |
| Bloor and Gladstone | 65,786 | 66,810 |
| Western | 63,729 | 68,417 |
| Earlscourt | 55,042 | 57,666 |
| Parliament Street | 53,860 | 52,530 |
| Gerrard | 47,660 | 50,705 |
| Riverdale | 45,352 | 46,067 |
| Queen and Lisgar | 44,502 | 43,037 |
| Sunnybrook Hospital | 39,934 | 42,181 |
| Music | 18,267 | 21,189 |
| Queen Elizabeth Hospital .. | 11,342 | 11,771 |
| Travelling Branch | 4,495 | 4,290 |
| Runnymede Hospital | 2,809 | 2,690 |
| | 2,279,299 | 2,324,389 |
| BOYS AND GIRLS LIBRARIES | | |
| Gerrard | 102,627 | 106,364 |
| Boys and Girls House | 99,249 | 98,805 |
| Earlscourt | 79,918 | 87,004 |
| Danforth | 78,174 | 78,283 |
| George H. Locke Memorial .. | 77,772 | 77,841 |
| Parliament Street | 73,176 | 84,706 |
| Beaches | 71,612 | 73,801 |
| Bloor and Gladstone | 70,651 | 82,171 |
| High Park | 52,385 | 44,437 |
| Riverdale | 52,262 | 47,755 |
| Deer Park | 52,054 | 51,668 |
| Eastern | 47,516 | 53,941 |
| Western | 44,845 | 43,368 |
| Wychwood | 39,352 | 39,953 |
| Runnymede | 37,772 | 34,125 |
| St. Clements | 37,217 | 35,963 |
| Queen and Lisgar | 30,393 | 44,601 |
| Manning | 27,698 | 0 |
| Yorkville | 22,463 | 20,164 |
| Settlement | 41,601 | 51,786 |
| Schools | 740,484 | 768,186 |
| Hospital for Sick Children .. | 12,648 | 12,732 |
| | 1,891,869 | 1,937,654 |
| East York Public Library | 133,318 | 126,070 |
| Forest Hill Public Library .. | 42,273 | 41,002 |
| East York School Libraries | 241,769 | 237,633 |
| Swansea (Boys and Girls) 2 mos. | 1,418 | — |
| | 4,898,173 | 4,947,695 |
| Gramophone Records | 21,095 | 23,063 |
| Pictures | 116,810 | 109,925 |
| Interloan Requests | 15,260 | 15,116 |

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF LIBRARY HOLDINGS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, ETC.



| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| Book stock at December, 1958: | | |
| Circulating Libraries | 709,124 | |
| Reference Library | 232,790 | 941,914 |
| Additions during 1959: | | |
| Circulating Libraries | 73,026 | |
| Reference Library | 4,985 | 78,011 |
| Deductions during 1959: | | |
| Circulating Libraries: | | |
| Lost and paid for | 1,329 | |
| Otherwise withdrawn and written off | 79,604 | |
| Taken by Medical Health Department | 16 | 80,949 |
| Reference Library: | | |
| Withdrawn | 141 | 81,090 |
| Book stock at December, 1959: | | |
| Circulating Libraries | 701,201 | |
| Reference Library | 237,634 | 938,835 |
| Pictures and Gramophone Records: | | |
| Pictures in Loan Collection, December, 1959 | | 492,006 |
| Gramophone Records in Music Library, December, 1959 | | 3,794 |

TRUST AND ENDOWMENT ACCOUNTS



| | |
|---|------------|
| SENATOR JOHN LEWIS MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND | |
| Balance January 1st, 1959 | \$2,459.41 |
| Additions to December 31st, 1959 | 64.80 |
| Balance December 31st, 1959 | \$2,524.21 |
| CHARLES GRAHAM SANDERSON MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND | |
| Balance January 1st, 1959 | \$6,501.81 |
| Additions to December 31st, 1959 | 268.82 |
| Balance December 31st, 1959 | \$6,770.63 |
| CHARLES R. SANDERSON MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND | |
| Balance January 1st, 1959 | \$3,054.55 |
| Additions to December 31st, 1959 | 135.41 |
| Balance December 31st, 1959 | \$3,189.96 |

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1959

RECEIPTS

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance, 1st January, 1959 | \$ 11,432.66 |
| Fines | \$53,325.87 |
| Readers' Cards | 7,629.20 |
| Rents | 62,381.86 |
| Reserve Service | 1,483.84 |
| Legislative Grant | 90,000.00 |
| Sundry Revenue | 3,467.15 |
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| | 218,287.92 |
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| Metropolitan Toronto | 25,000.00 |
| City Appropriation | 1,614,059.00 |
| East York Public Library | 29,132.63 |
| East York Board of Education | 33,182.16 |
| Forest Hill Public Library | 2,239.92 |

\$1,933,334.29

Toronto — 28th January, 1960.
Subject to completion of audit
by the City Auditor.

PAYMENTS

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Salaries and Wages (incl. Occasional Assistants) | \$1,181,108.34 |
| Retirement Allowances | 2,925.00 |
| Cumulative Sick Leave Grants | 9,292.36 |
| Books, Maps, Freight | 195,000.00 |
| Book Repair and Binding | 57,377.08 |
| Furniture and Equipment | 16,471.52 |
| Rent of Branches | 23,471.56 |
| Trucking and Transport Service | 6,809.23 |
| John Ross Robertson and Loan Picture Collection | 510.02 |
| Printing, Stationery and General Supplies | 41,841.15 |
| Insurance | 7,603.75 |
| Maintenance and Repairs to Buildings | 230,462.25 |
| Lighting, Heating, etc. | 47,663.06 |
| Library Associations | 815.37 |
| Unemployment Insurance — Employer | 4,134.43 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 1,682.32 |
| Pension Fund | 83,696.00 |
| City Auditor's Fee | 2,766.76 |
| Deer Park and Music Library Taxes | 13,483.04 |
| Bibliography of Canadiana | 2,500.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,929,613.24 |

Internal Revenue in excess of estimate \$ 3,065.29

Expenditures Estimate \$1,930,269.00

Expenditures Actual 1,929,613.24

Surplus 655.76

3,721.05

\$1,933,334.29

R. L. CHARLES
Head of Business Department

LIBRARY DIRECTORY



REFERENCE LIBRARY

214-220 College Street, at St. George. Open Monday to Friday: 10 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays: October 15th to May 15th, 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

General Reference; Hallam Room of Business and Technology; Baldwin Room of Manuscripts and Rare Canadiana; Fine Art Section; Historical and Circulating Picture Collections; the Toronto Room, and the Metropolitan Bibliographic Centre.

CENTRAL CIRCULATING LIBRARY

20 St. George Street. Open Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Includes Kipling Room for young people.

BOYS AND GIRLS HOUSE

40 St. George Street. Open Monday to Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

branch libraries

DOWNTOWN—25 Richmond Street West. Open Monday to Friday: 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on Saturdays. No children's room.

MANNING BOYS AND GIRLS—90 Robinson Street. Open Monday to Friday: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

REGENT PARK BOYS AND GIRLS—20 Regent Street. Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

The following libraries are open every week-day except Wednesday. Unless otherwise noted, adult hours are: 12 noon to 8.30 p.m., and Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Children's Rooms: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

BEACHES—2161 Queen Street East, near Lee.

BLOOR AND GLADSTONE—1089 Bloor Street West, at Gladstone.

DANFORTH—701 Pape Avenue, near Danforth.

DEER PARK—40 St. Clair Avenue E., near Yonge. Adult library opens 10 a.m.

EARLSCOURT—1625 Dufferin Street, near St. Clair.

EASTERN—137 Main Street, near Gerrard.

GEORGE H. LOCKE MEMORIAL—3083 Yonge Street, at Lawrence E.

GERRARD—1432 Gerrard Street, at Ashdale.

HIGH PARK—228 Roncesvalles Avenue, at Wright.

MUSIC—Howard Ferguson House, 559 Avenue Road, at St. Clair.

PARLIAMENT STREET—406 Parliament Street, at Gerrard. Closed Tuesday and Friday at 6 p.m.

QUEEN AND LISGAR—1115 Queen Street West, at Lisgar. Closed Tuesday and Friday at 6 p.m. No children's room.

RIVERDALE—370 Broadview Avenue, at Gerrard. Closed Tuesday and Friday at 6 p.m.

RUNNYMEDE—2178 Bloor Street West, at Glendonwynne.

ST. CLEMENTS—14 St. Clements Avenue, at Yonge.

WESTERN—145 Annette Street, facing Medland.

WYCHWOOD—1431 Bathurst Street, near St. Clair.

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