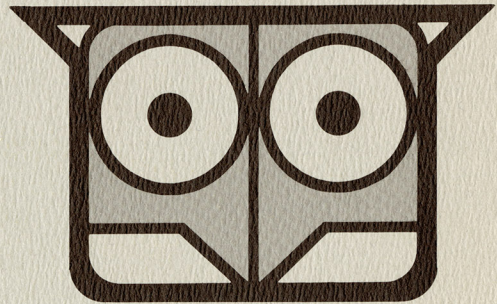


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REPORT 1972

Growth — that is the word to describe the history of the North York Public Library. From its suburban beginnings shortly after World War II the Library has grown from an institution serving a predominantly middle class English community to a complex system in contact with people from a variety of different cultures, a wide socio-economic spectrum of the community, and diverse vocational, educational and recreational needs.

This community borrowed 4,120,000 books, films, records and other materials from the Library in 1972. Approximately 650,000 people viewed the 41,195 films circulated from our film collection. Over 135,000 people joined the Library of which 67% were classified as adult borrowers and 33% as children. In addition other thousands without cards used reference materials, attended programs or received services through the LINK Information and Referral Service, Service to Shut-Ins and other special programs.

During the year major changes were made in several of our buildings. The Gladys Allison Library was refurbished providing the patron with better lighting, improved shelving, and a greater accessibility to materials. The Audio-Visual Department was relocated in new space in the same building thus providing much needed space for other public service functions in that branch.

A major addition was completed to the Services Building thus providing for the housing of the art department, circulation control, maintenance, stores, and an expanded book buying and processing program.

These physical changes provide for a better level of service being offered to the citizens of North York. In 1972 the Library expanded its adult education and extension programming by 80%. Reflecting the diversity of the community, the programs covered such subjects as films, handicrafts, book discussions, contemporary social concerns, art, music and related topics. Children, young people, adults and senior citizens were provided with opportunities to meet their personal needs in various cultural, recreational and educational pursuits. We have now reached the point where many of our public meeting facilities are being fully utilized.

The Library continued its work with those people who through age or physical disability are not able to visit one of the branches. With federal government L.I.P. funds a group of staff brought programs of films, crafts, music and related activities to people who previously had not been able to share in these experiences. A site was acquired for our last area branch to be located in Don Valley Village on the Fairview site. As an interim measure a community branch was opened September 1 to provide limited service to this large community.

As community needs become more clearly defined, cooperation between public institutions becomes more important. Effective liaison between the Board of Education and the Library has been fostered on both the policy making and the operations level so that maximum use of the services of both institutions is made. Equivalent type of cooperation exists with the Parks & Recreation Department. This is being given a physical form in the new Humber Summit Library and Community Centre to be built and operated jointly by the two services.

Although the major and rapid growth of the Borough is tapering off in physical terms the information needs of its citizens continue to grow making it necessary to provide the knowledge required for the sophisticated community in which we live. The Library will continue to grow and change as it responds to the changing world around it.

JOHN E. DUTTON
Chief Librarian

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BRANCHES

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
4430 Bathurst Street, Downsview

BATHURST AREA

Bathurst Heights Area Branch
3170 Bathurst Street, Toronto

Yorkdale Community Branch
Yorkdale Shopping Centre, Toronto

DON MILLS AREA

Don Mills Area Branch
888 Lawrence Avenue East, Don Mills

Brookbanks Community Branch
210 Brookbanks Drive, Don Mills

Victoria Village Community Branch
184 Sloane Avenue, Toronto

DON VALLEY VILLAGE AREA

Fairview Community Branch
5 Fairview Mall Drive, Willowdale

DOWNSVIEW AREA

Downsview Area Branch
2793 Keele Street, Downsview

Amesbury Park Community Branch
1565 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto

Black Creek Community Branch
2139 Jane Street, Downsview

Woodview Park Community Branch
16-18 Bradstock Road, Weston

WILLOWDALE AREA

Willowdale Area Branch
(Gladys Allison Building)
5126 Yonge Street, Willowdale

Bayview Community Branch
2901 Bayview Avenue, Willowdale

Centennial Community Branch
578 Finch Avenue West, Willowdale

YORK WOODS AREA

York Woods Area Branch
1785 Finch Avenue West, Downsview

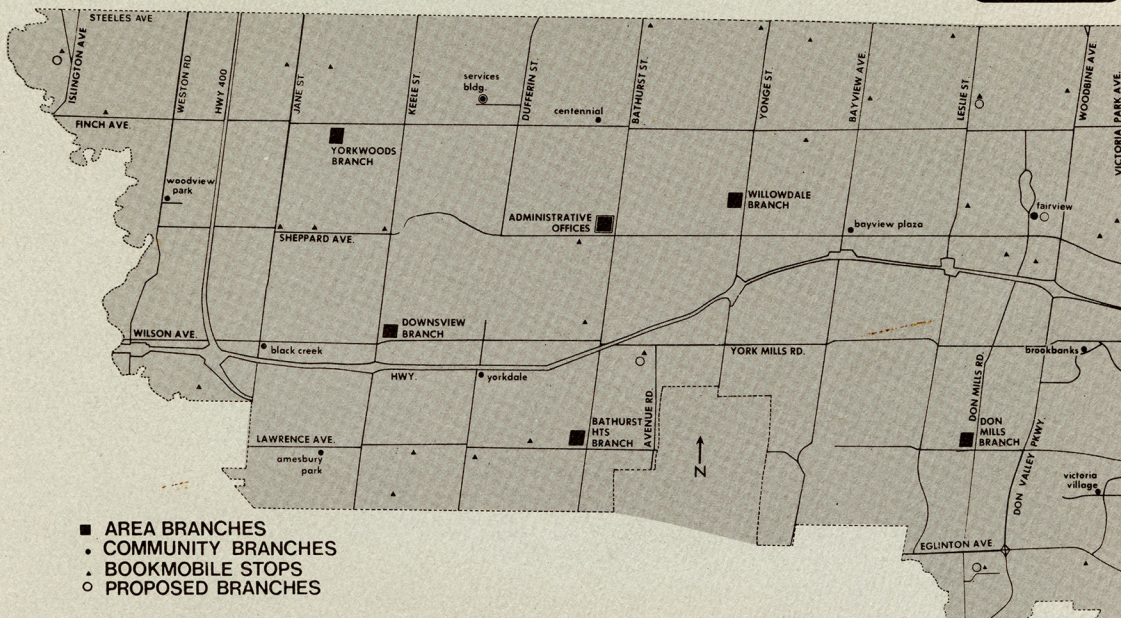
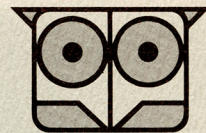
SERVICES BUILDING
120 Martin Ross Avenue, Downsview

NORTH YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICAL REPORT

Population Borough of North York 1972 — 530,000

| CIRCULATION OF BOOKS: | | 1971 | 1972 | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Willowdale Region | | | | | |
| Adult | 628,840 | | 637,836 | | |
| Children | 224,323 | | 212,980 | | |
| Bayview | 270,044 | | 298,792 | | |
| Centennial | 107,159 | | 108,503 | | |
| Bathurst Region | | | | | |
| Bathurst Heights | 347,684 | | 357,743 | | |
| Yorkdale | 189,009 | | 188,341 | | |
| Don Mills Region | | | | | |
| Don Mills | 569,186 | | 569,831 | | |
| Brookbanks | 242,720 | | 255,960 | | |
| Victoria Village | 72,604 | | 72,938 | | |
| Bookmobile | 117,113 | | 131,363 | | |
| Downsview Region | | | | | |
| Downsview | 290,731 | | 302,835 | | |
| Amesbury Park | 110,249 | | 103,109 | | |
| Black Creek | 123,632 | | 153,620 | | |
| Woodview Park | 107,125 | | 103,129 | | |
| Bookmobile | 89,692 | | 83,895 | | |
| York Woods Region | | | | | |
| York Woods | 264,282 | | 321,067 | | |
| Bookmobile | 101,815 | | 93,464 | | |
| Fairview Community Branch | | | 58,754 | | |
| TOTAL BOOKS | | 3,856,208 | | 4,054,160 | |
| AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS | | | | | |
| Records | | 44,636 | | 21,491 | |
| Film & Film Strips | | 35,483 | | 41,195 | |
| Projectors | | 2,438 | | 3,082 | |
| TOTAL CIRCULATION OF MATERIAL | | 3,938,765 | | 4,119,928 | |
| ATTENDANCE AT FILM SHOWINGS | | 557,796 | | 647,934 | |
| INFORMATION SERVICES | | | | | |
| Willowdale Region | 86,036 | | 103,828 | | |
| Bathurst Heights Region | 57,238 | | 57,711 | | |
| Don Mills Region | 37,848 | | 58,671 | | |
| Downsview Region | 34,177 | | 54,540 | | |
| York Woods Region | 17,416 | | 23,034 | | |
| Fairview Community Branch | | | 3,705 | | |
| TOTAL | | 232,715 | | 301,489 | |
| REGISTRATION | | ADULT | CHILDREN | ADULT | CHILDREN |
| Willowdale Region | 34,487 | 15,974 | 32,500 | 11,161 | |
| Bathurst Heights Region | 15,571 | 4,105 | 15,608 | 3,976 | |
| Don Mills Region | 17,979 | 9,508 | 18,356 | 11,975 | |
| Downsview Region | 12,404 | 10,869 | 13,627 | 10,639 | |
| York Woods Region | 6,898 | 3,258 | 8,682 | 5,479 | |
| Fairview Community Branch | | | 2,592 | 1,217 | |
| TOTAL | | 87,339 | 43,714 | 91,365 | 44,447 |
| TOTAL REGISTRATION | | 131,053 | | 135,812 | |

NORTH YORK PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND BOOKMOBILE STOPS



REVENUES & EXPENDITURES — CURRENT FUNDS 1972

REVENUES

Balance January 1, 1972 (\$15,165)

Current Funds Received

| | | | |
|--|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Borough of North York | \$4,422,964 | | |
| Province of Ontario | 334,631 | | |
| Fines re Overdue Books & Sundry Receipts | 115,241 | | |
| Interest Earned | 3,995 | 4,876,831 | \$4,861,666 |

EXPENDITURES

Library Operating

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Salaries & Employee Benefits | 2,800,611 | | |
| Stationery & Supplies | 73,223 | | |
| Sundry Operating Expenses | 199,093 | | |
| Maintenance of Buildings & Equipment | 323,423 | | |
| Building Rentals | 135,031 | 3,531,381 | |

Library Capital

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|--|
| Books, Records, Films, Periodicals | 766,842 | | |
| Equipment | 77,782 | 844,624 | |

Debentures

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--|---------|-----------|
| Repayments and Interest | | 503,893 | 4,879,898 |
|-------------------------|--|---------|-----------|

Deficit at December 31, 1972

(\$ 18,232)