



North York Public Library
Annual Report 1977

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The people of North York must be among the most fortunate in the world in terms of library service. From very small beginnings about 25 years ago, the development of the North York Public Library has more than kept pace with the rapid growth of the Borough, so that now we can be justifiably proud of having one of the best library services of any urban municipality in the world, with a system of 19 area and community branches, bookmobile, shut-in, and extension services, and a book collection well in excess of 1,000,000 volumes, plus significant collections of periodicals, films, records and cassettes. The credit for this phenomenal growth belongs not only to successive library boards but to the dedication of an intelligent, creative and hard-working staff and the farsightedness of borough politicians who have seen the importance of human services to go along with physical development and consistently provided appropriate financial support.

As part of Metropolitan Toronto, North York also benefits by participating in sharing arrangements with the other libraries of Metro and especially by being a partner in the Metropolitan Toronto Library which opened in November, 1977. This library, the largest public library in Canada, is widely praised from an architectural point of view, but its real meaning goes far beyond the magnificence of its structure. To quote its architect, it "is a place for diverse and essentially human activities ... As a building we hope it will put a smile on faces and give dignity to the mind and imagination."

The present North York Library Board, like its predecessors, and its friends at the Metro Board shares this vision of library service. It is seen in a totally different context in the small library opened in the fall of 1977 at the Yonge-Sheppard Centre, directed primarily at shoppers and subway riders rather than the students, researchers, and scholars catered to by the large reference libraries. Significant in this undertaking also was the fact that the library was opened with no increase in budget for staff or materials.



In the early part of 1977, the Board was preoccupied with finding a replacement for Mr. John Dutton, our Chief Librarian for 14 years who resigned to take a new position in Winnipeg. After a prolonged search across Canada it became apparent that the best possible person for the position was already on our staff, and on April 1, 1977, Mr. Gordon Barhydt, formerly Deputy Chief Librarian, became the Chief Librarian of the North York Public Library. It was then necessary to find a replacement for Mr. Barhydt, and a former staff member, Miss Jean Orpwood, was enticed to return to North York in that position. The skill, energy and enthusiasm which our two new chief executives have brought to their duties promise continued building on past achievements to bring the citizens of North York the library services they expect and deserve.

Douglas Pettem
Chairman
North York Public Library Board

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CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

North York libraries continued to provide a full range of library services in 1977 and several areas of service expanded significantly. Specialized reference services were strengthened and expanded with the development of the Central Library's Urban Affairs Section. Materials from the Traffic and Planning & Development Departments of the Borough of North York are included in the Section and a close working relationship has been established with the Municipal Reference Section of the Metropolitan Toronto Library.

Circulation at the Fairview Area Branch surpassed expectations, exceeding 600,000 by the end of the year. Circulation overall continued to climb bolstered by the opening of the Sheppard Centre Community Branch. The Audio-Visual Services Department moved to expanded facilities in the Fairview Area Branch and plans were well under way for the Flemington Park Community Branch.

During 1977 proposals for administrative reorganization were developed by senior staff and approved by the Board. The reorganization assigned primary managerial responsibility to the area branch head level, established two new coordinators in Adult Education & Extension Services and Audio-Visual Services and created a new position of Metro Liaison Librarian to assist in exploiting the resources of the new Metropolitan Toronto Library. The objective of the reorganization was to improve service by improving operating effectiveness. Other efforts to improve operating effectiveness included the application of program planning techniques to all of the community branches and to two area branches.



In my first year as Chief Librarian my job was made much easier by the total support received from the Board, by the knowledge and hard work of an excellent staff and by the skill and dedication of my predecessor, John Dutton. Jean Orpwood and I look forward to an exciting second year.

Gordon C. Barhydt

Gordon C. Barhydt,
Chief Librarian.

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Douglas Pettem, <i>Chairman</i>	Administration
Virginia Atkins	Gordon C. Barhydt
Kenneth Frost	<i>Chief Librarian</i>
Barbara Greene, <i>Controller</i>	Jean Orpwood
Dr. John Hartley	<i>Deputy Chief Librarian</i>
Bryn Lloyd	William A. Foley
Gordon R. McCowan	<i>Comptroller</i>
Mae Waese	Reginald A. Rawkins
Lorraine Williams	<i>Director of Public Service</i>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance January 1, 1977	48,987	
REVENUES		
Current Funds Received		
Borough of North York	7,561,624	
Province of Ontario	1,004,521	
Fines re Overdue Books & Sundry Receipts	321,152	
Interest Earned	32,078	8,919,375
		8,968,362
EXPENDITURES		
Library Operating		
Salaries & Employees		
Benefits	5,095,534	
Operating Expenses	523,897	
Operation of Buildings & Equipment	623,584	
Building Rentals	125,966	6,368,981
Library Capital		
Books, Records, Films, Microfilms	1,249,690	
Equipment	57,261	1,306,951
Debentures		
Repayment & Interest	1,309,434	8,985,366
Deficit at December 31, 1977		(17,004)

Branches:

Administrative Offices 35 Fairview Mall Dr., Willowdale M2J 4S4	Hillcrest Community Branch 5801 Leslie St., Willowdale M2H 1J8
Amesbury Park Community Branch 1565 Lawrence Ave. W., Toronto M6L 1A8	Humber Summit Community Branch 2990 Islington Ave., Weston M9L 2K9
Audio-Visual Services 35 Fairview Mall Dr., Willowdale M2J 4S4	Mobile Outreach Services, 2793 Keele St., Downsview M3M 2G3
Bathurst Heights Area Branch 3170 Bathurst St., Toronto M6A 2A9	Pleasant View Community Branch 575 Van Horne Ave., Willowdale M2J 4S8
Bayview Community Branch 2901 Bayview Ave., Willowdale M2K 1E6	Sheppard Centre Community Branch 4881 Yonge St., Willowdale M2N 5X3
Black Creek Community Branch 2141 Jane St., Downsview M3M 1A2	Sunnybrook 2075 Bayview Ave., Toronto M4N 3M5
Brookbanks Community Branch 210 Brookbanks Dr., Don Mills M3A 2T8	Technical Services Building 120 Martin Ross Ave., Downsview M3J 2L4
Canadiana Collection 35 Fairview Mall Dr., Willowdale M2J 4S4	Victoria Village Community Branch 184 Sloane Ave., Toronto M4A 2C4
Centennial Community Branch 578 Finch Ave. W., Willowdale M2R 1N7	Woodview Park Community Branch 16 - 18 Bradstock Rd., Weston M9M 1M8
Central Area Branch 5126 Yonge St., Willowdale M2N 5N9	Yorkdale Community Branch Yorkdale Shopping Centre, Toronto M6A 2T9
Don Mills Area Branch 888 Lawrence Ave. E., Don Mills M3C 1P6	York Woods Area Branch 1785 Finch Ave. W., Downsview M3N 1M6
Downsview Area Branch 2793 Keele St., Downsview M3M 2G3	
Fairview Area Branch 35 Fairview Mall Dr., Willowdale M2J 4S4	