

30th Anniversary 1950-1980

Annual Report

1980



North York Public Library

Chairman's Report

A milestone in the history of the City of North York was reached when the North York Public Library system celebrated its 30th Anniversary in 1980. Historians may reply that 30 years is not significant, yet enlarging on the Board's anniversary theme "We Grew Along With You" let it be recorded that along with a population growth in North York from 60,000 in 1950, to 560,000 in 1980, the library developed into a twenty-branch system with a budget of over \$11,000,000.

The anniversary celebrations brought together Trustees, staff, Council and the public for a mammoth Festival-In-The-Park featuring library displays, a used book sale, entertainment and games. The Festival was climaxed by a presentation by Mayor Lastman of a plaque from City Council recognizing the 30th Anniversary. A further Anniversary highlight was a public lecture by the famous Canadian geneticist, Dr. David Suzuki.

Yet another evidence of growth in 1980 was the retirement from service of the familiar bookmobiles. These libraries-on-wheels had faithfully served the outer regions of the growing Township and Borough of North York, and have now been replaced by smaller more functional "Read Machines." Personalized service continues to be provided to shut-ins and the disabled by the Shut-in and Mobile Outreach Departments.

LINK, a community information service pioneered by North York, flourishes, gaining public acceptance, support and use daily.

The birth of the automated circulation system and the continued fight to provide a Central Library worthy of the City of North York are two items that occupy the attention of the Board, and will still be before us for resolution in 1981.

Two memorable events in my capacity as chairman during 1980 were the evening when 200 North Yorkers packed themselves into a tiny branch library to protest library budget cuts that affected the service in that branch, and the occasion of the Board rejecting a demand to censor reading materials in the library.



Chairman Bryn Lloyd (left) presented Mayor Mel Lastman and North York Council with a huge cake to commemorate our 30th Anniversary.

No library system receives closer attention and support from the volunteer Trustees than does North York. The staff and public have responded to the enthusiasm of my colleagues on the Board. I am grateful for their support.

Bryn Lloyd
Bryn Lloyd
Chairman



North York Public Library

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(* Sept. to Dec. 1980 ** Jan. to Aug. 1980)

CHIEF LIBRARIAN AND SECRETARY-TREASURER Gordon C. Barhydt

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1980

Deficit beginning of year		(12,150)	
REVENUES			
Current Funds Received			
City of North York	10,080,687		
Province of Ontario	1,006,396		
Fines re Overdue Books & Sundry Receipts	496,399		
Interest Earned	102,277	11,685,759	11,673,609
EXPENDITURES			
Library Operating			
Staff Costs	6,949,707		
General Operating Expenses	776,089		
Operation of Plant	761,256		
Space Rentals	205,361	8,692,413	
Library Capital			
Books, Records, Films, Microforms	1,606,410		
Equipment	163,162	1,769,572	
Debentures			
Principal Repayment & Interest		1,196,609	11,658,594
Surplus at end of year			15,015

Chief Librarian's Report

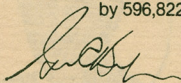
The Public Library continues to fill recreational and informational needs for thousands of North York citizens of all ages. Over 4.3 million books, magazines, records, cassettes, films, art prints, and other items were borrowed in 1980. Over half a million questions were answered by librarians and other trained staff. The Canadiana department staff compiled finding aids in two significant research areas: the Newton MacTavish manuscript collection and the department's native peoples collection.

The Urban Affairs section at Central, established in 1977, has become an important source of information on municipal affairs. An important acquisition in 1980 was the papers of Barbara Greene who donated them to the Public Library upon her retirement from North York Council.



The Processing Department stamped its one-millionth accession number since records were first kept in 1973.

A wide range of imaginative library programs was held at branches and other locations. The traditional children's story hour at times became a pajama party at the Don Mills Library; at other times it was an informal summer afternoon event in Flemington Court Park. Older children were drawn to the York Woods Library by a summer series on film-making, while young adults were offered sessions at Bathurst Heights Library on how to find a summer job. Adult programs were as diverse as a series on running a small business, and a weekly club for Italian seniors. In all, 9188 library events drew an attendance of 189,834, about 60% of these were children. In addition, the Public Library provided films for 53,298 public screenings which were attended by 596,822 people.

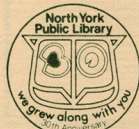

Gordon C. Barhydt
Chief Librarian



Library Pajama Parties delighted children (top left); Dr. David Suzuki (top right) spoke at Fairview Library; The Travellers (lower left) highlighted a 30th Anniversary Festival in Earl Bales Park; our Read Machines, compact mobile libraries, made their debut.

Branches and Services:

- Administrative Offices
35 Fairview Mall Dr., Willowdale
M2J 4S4
- Amesbury Park Community Branch
1565 Lawrence Ave. W., Toronto
M6L 1A8
- Audio-Visual Services
35 Fairview Mall Dr., Willowdale
M2J 4S4
- Bathurst Heights Area Branch
3170 Bathurst St., Toronto
M6A 2A9
- Bayview Community Branch
2901 Bayview Ave., Willowdale
M2K 1E6
- Black Creek Community Branch
2141 Jane St., Downsview
M3M 1A2
- Brookbanks Community Branch
210 Brookbanks Dr., Don Mills
M3A 2T8
- Canadiana Collection
35 Fairview Mall Dr., Willowdale
M2J 4S4
- Centennial Community Branch
578 Finch Ave. W., Willowdale
M2R 1N7
- Central Area Branch
5126 Yonge St., Willowdale
M2N 5N9
- Don Mills Area Branch
888 Lawrence Ave. E., Don Mills
M3C 1P6
- Downsview Area Branch
2793 Keele St., Downsview
M3M 2G3
- Fairview Area Branch
35 Fairview Mall Dr., Willowdale
M2J 4S4
- Flemington Park Community Branch
29 St. Dennis Dr., Don Mills
M3C 3J3
- Hillcrest Community Branch
5801 Leslie St., Willowdale
M2H 1J8
- Humber Summit Community Branch
2990 Islington Ave., Weston
M9L 2K9
- Mobile Outreach Services
2793 Keele St., Downsview
M3M 2G3
- Pleasant View Community Branch
575 Van Horne Ave., Willowdale
M2J 4S8
- Yonge - Sheppard Centre Community Br.
4841 Yonge St., Willowdale
M2N 5X2
- Sunnybrook Hospital
2075 Bayview Ave., Toronto
M4N 3M5
- Technical Services Building
120 Martin Ross Ave., Downsview
M3J 2L4
- Victoria Village Community Branch
184 Sloane Ave., Toronto
M4A 2C4
- Woodview Park Community Branch
16 - 18 Bradstock Rd., Weston
M9M 1M8
- Yorkdale Community Branch
Yorkdale Shopping Centre, Toronto
M6A 2T9
- York Woods Area Branch
1785 Finch Ave. W., Downsview
M3N 1M6



We grew along with you