

Architect's drawing of building to be erected in 1954
at Brentwood Road and Birchview Boulevard

Arthur H. Eadie, M.R.A.I.C., Architect

ETOBICOKE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY



ANNUAL REPORT 1953

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1953

I have pleasure in submitting the highlights of the township library activities for the past year. The population of Etobicoke has increased substantially during 1953 and it is with a feeling of satisfaction that the Library Board is able to report an increase in the use of library service commensurate with the increase in the number of residents.

A new bookmobile was purchased at a cost of \$15,500 and the unit has been in use since mid-August 1953, and an improved mobile service is evidenced by the favourable comments of the reading public and members of the library staff. The vehicle is somewhat larger than the old one, will hold many more books, and offers facilities far more conducive to good service. It was purchased from the Fruehauf Company of Canada. The interior desks and shelving were built by Mr. Walter Goode of the township.

The main library building has not yet been built. In our 1952 report it was pointed out that the Board's attention would be directed towards the planning and erection of that building. The planning has been done, the architect has prepared the drawings and tenders will be called for within a few weeks. In fairness to the board, and in view of impeded progress, it should be mentioned that considerable delay was experienced because of necessary changes in certain regulations which prevented the granting of a building permit, for the erection of a library building of appropriate size on the property at Brentwood Road and Birchview Blvd. These obstacles have been overcome and there appears to be no reason to doubt that plans will be proceeded with in the immediate future.

When the 1953 budget was prepared at the beginning of the year, it was anticipated that much progress would have been made towards the completion of the main library building, and that room would have been available for the storage of new books. It is for this reason that the board feels obliged to report an unspent surplus which should of necessity be carried forward and used for the purchasing of new books for the new library, as soon as space is provided to permit of their being stored.

Population in the Alderwood section has increased rapidly and the residents of that part of the township are requesting and probably require, increased library service which the bookmobile is unable to provide. With this in mind the board will endeavour to study the requirements of the area and to consider the erection of a branch library to service that portion of the township. It is most improbable that any definite steps will be taken in this connection until the main building has been completed.

Many places of business have been established within the boundaries of Etobicoke during the past few years, and as a result of this, more and more business executives are confronted with the need for a "business reference" library. With this thought in mind it is the earnest desire of the board and staff to provide the answer to this growing need by equipping the main library with sufficient books of this type to provide convenient service for Etobicoke residents. It is anticipated that the public

will co-operate with the librarian to build the department to the satisfaction of its users.

The board deeply regrets the loss of one of its valued members in the person of Mr. Harold Stonehouse. Harold moved from his farm in the northern part of the township and has taken up residence in the town of Weston. The library act requires that all board members reside within the boundaries of the library area. While we are sorry to lose Mr. Stonehouse we feel gratified in welcoming the Rev. M. C. MacKinnon as a new board member. Mr. MacKinnon comes to us with a background that will undoubtedly prove to be of real value to the Etobicoke Public Library Board.

As chairman of the Etobicoke Public Library Board during 1953, I wish to thank both the board and staff members for their untiring efforts, interest and loyalty throughout the past year, and it is with real enthusiasm that we look forward to greater accomplishments in 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. MAINPRIZE, CHAIRMAN,

Etobicoke Township Public Library Board.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

We closed our report for 1952 with the prediction that we could "look to a year of greater service and expansion". The expansion considerably outran both our expectations and the existing facilities for library service. It would of course be strange if the rapid increase in population in the township was not reflected in a rise in the circulation of library books. As a look at the detailed statistical report will show, the library in 1953 circulated over 140,000 books, which is an increase of 25,000 over 1952, and of 42,000 over our first year of operations in 1951. Over half of this circulation was done by the bookmobile, from which in our two peak months of October and November over 9,000 books were borrowed each month. This is a record which makes it very difficult to provide the type of service people have a right to expect. With the arrival of our new bookmobile in August we were pleased to have a vehicle which in every way was designed to provide better service. It was possible to add another member to the bookmobile staff, and the new bookmobile carries almost 1,000 books more than the former one. Even so its resources were taxed to the utmost and there were too many occasions when the bookmobile staff were unable to supply the help to adults and children which is expected and needed. Requests for service from areas not now visited by the bookmobile had to be refused until the building of a central library can release it from some of its present stops.

Circulation at the Humber Bay Branch also increased, and here it was possible to take some steps to extend our service. The library hours were lengthened, and the library no longer closes between 6 and 7 in the

evening. By the end of the year a card catalogue of almost all the non-fiction in the Humber Bay library was completed ready to be placed in the library. This was a very large piece of work totalling over 7,000 cards and it will make it easier, both for a borrower to locate what he needs and for a librarian to assist him. The new drapes on the front window of the library add much to its attractiveness, and particularly on a blustery winter night give the room a warm and pleasant atmosphere much appreciated by the public.

The same increase in population which is making such demands on the school system is reflected in the fact that one-half the total circulation from the library and the bookmobile is books for boys and girls. It is not possible to do any intensive work among the children who come to the Bookmobile apart from maintaining our policy of providing only the best books for children and doing our best to see that those who come find what they need. In the Humber Bay Library the children's librarian has been able to have a number of classes from nearby schools visit the library to learn about it and many of these children now leave school early certain days each week to visit the library.

Use of the library has also been encouraged among a number of community groups. Booklists were prepared for the use of several Home and School Associations and for the township public health Pre-Natal classes. Both the head librarian and the children's librarian talked to a number of groups about the services of the library. A weekly column on library books by different staff members was contributed to a local paper. The new bookmobile was publicized both by a newspaper article and by a story in the Ontario Library Review. The former undoubtedly helped to bring many new borrowers to the bookmobile, the latter brought enquiries from other libraries interested in similar services.

The deposit station in Thistle town has been continued and supplies a limited service to that area, with particular attention paid to the children. The only remaining rural school in the township also receives books from the library. We were also glad to be able to loan books for a limited period of six weeks to the new Royal York Secondary School, and it is a matter of regret that other requests for special service had to be refused because of the limitation of our book stock and of our library facilities.

Much time in the past year was devoted to plans for the new library and to the selection of a basic book stock for it. The building and opening of this library will widen our area of service considerably and we look forward to this next step in our growth with pleasant anticipation.

I would only add an expression of my own pleasure in working with the members of the Etobicoke Library Board, and my thanks to a conscientious staff.

Respectfully submitted,

BETTY D. HARDIE, LIBRARIAN,

Etobicoke Township Public Library.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REVENUE

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$15,104.43
Township Levy, 1953	47,578.74
Supplementary Levy	4,003.78
Legislative Grant	7,335.87
Fines and Fees	1,375.16
Recovery — Damaged Books, etc.	57.97
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	\$75,455.95

EXPENDITURES

CURRENT

Books Purchased	\$17,394.61
Periodicals	226.15
Salaries	22,221.47
Cards, Stationery	1,212.51
Cartage, Express	18.95
Advertising	156.68
Insurance	298.91
Repairs	288.94
Light, Heat, Water	332.92
Telephone	180.96
Bookmobile Expense	1,435.40
Sundry Expenses	419.52
Book Binding	844.84
Debenture Interest	455.00
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	\$45,686.86

CAPITAL

Equipment, Furnishings	\$ 1,375.70
Debenture Principal	1,000.00
Bookmobile	15,557.56
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	\$17,933.26
Total Expenditures	\$63,620.12
Balance	11,835.83
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	\$75,455.95

STATISTICAL REPORT

CIRCULATION 1953

	Adult Fiction	Adult Non-Fiction	Boys and Girls	Total
Bookmobile	19,711	8,201	47,613	75,525
Humber Bay	23,810	13,260	24,264	61,334
Thistle town	529	256	3,961	4,746
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	44,050	21,717	75,838	141,605
Books on Special Loan (not included in figures above)				2,181
Periodicals				1,230
Increase in Circulation Over 1952				25,143

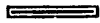
BOOK STOCK AT END OF 1953

	Bookmobile	Humber Bay
Adult Fiction	2,681	3,350
Adult Non-Fiction	2,264	3,312
Boys and Girls	5,057	4,224
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	10,002	10,886

REGISTERED BORROWERS

Adult	5,046
Boys and Girls	7,244
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	12,290

ETOBICOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY



HUMBER BAY BRANCH LIBRARY

200 PARK LAWN ROAD

HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

2.30 - 9.00 P.M.

Saturday

10.00 - 12.00 A.M. 2.00 - 5.00 P.M.

BOOKMOBILE

Timetable Available From Library

200 Park Lawn Road

Phone CLifford 1-7721

THISTLETOWN DEPOSIT STATION

Wednesday - - - 3.30 - 5.00 P.M.

Thursday - - - - 7.00 - 9.00 P.M.