



*Rexdale Branch Library, opened November 10th, 1959*

ETOBICOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
1959

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES



## IN THE ETOBICOKE LIBRARY

**REXDALE BRANCH LIBRARY** was opened on November 10th to serve the growing community in the northern part of the township. New books quickly disappeared as 17,000 were borrowed in the first seven weeks of operation. Assistance in the purchase of books and furnishings for the Children's section was provided through a generous donation from the Kinsmen's Club of Humber Valley. Even so, many more books are needed in this new branch and adding to its book stock has high priority for 1960.

**AUTOMATION** came to the Etobicoke Library as charging machines were put into operation to help with the increasing demands of the book conscious citizens of the township who borrowed over 550,000 books in 1959.

**THE REFERENCE SECTION** was expanded with the addition to the collection of many books, pamphlets and periodicals dealing with business and industry. Special attention was also paid to the local history material and a book list on Etobicoke's history was prepared and distributed. As the size of the collection increased so did its volume of use, with twice as many reference questions being answered as in 1958.

**BOYS AND GIRLS** borrowed more than 261,000 books in 1959. Their interest was encouraged by 251 story hours in the main and branch libraries and over 200 visits of school classes to the library. In October the library was host to the Fall Workshop meeting of the Children's Section of the Ontario Library Association. About 90 were present for the all-day session.

**BRANCHES AND BOOKMOBILE**—Alderwood and Humber Bay branches continue to flourish with increased activity in all departments. The opening of the Rexdale branch made it possible for the bookmobile schedule to be revised and new stops added in areas not previously served.



In 1959, 40,000 registered borrowers used 94,000 books for a total circulation of 550,000. To meet the demands being made on the library, more books, more staff and more outlets for service are a necessity. With this end in view, plans for continued expansion are being made and it is expected that 1960 will see further progress in all of these areas.



## MAIN LIBRARY

36 BRENTWOOD RD. N. - - - BE. 3-2105

### BRANCHES

ALDERWOOD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	525 Horner Ave.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CL. 1-5921
HUMBER BAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200 Parklawn Rd.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CL. 1-7721
REXDALE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1595 Kipling Ave. N.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CH. 7-8981

### BOOKMOBILE

25 stops in various parts of the township. For schedule and information call the Main Library.

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