



# York Township Public Library

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	1955	1953	1951
Books loaned .....	318,130	266,642	197,010
Library members .....	27,333	20,889	13,105
Books in Library .....	69,746	62,348	45,092
Per capita cost .....	.76	.79	.78

## CIRCULATION BY BRANCHES

	Main	Jane	Mt. Dennis	Bookmobile
Adult classed .....	29,031	18,593	7,930	1,366
Adult fiction .....	38,892	23,881	12,688	4,470
Boys' and girls' .....	59,037	46,129	22,578	53,535
Total .....	126,960	88,603	43,196	59,371

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## **Use of Books**

Through its three libraries and bookmobile, the York Township Public Library served 27,333 members of the community, or about 1 in 4 of the total population. Adults borrowed 136,851 books and children took home 181,279 volumes for home reading.

## **Adults**

The books borrowed represented many fields of interest. Books on practical science were great favourites in 1955 with history and biography following close behind. Borrowers asked for books on hi-fi, on portrait painting and on public speaking. Men wanted to know how to build a barbecue and how to sell real estate. Women wanted to find out how to make slip covers and how to grow bulbs. 1,159 foreign language books went out.

## **Teen-agers**

12,237 volumes were borrowed from the High School Room, a substantial increase over the number borrowed last year.

## **Boys and Girls**

Boys and girls borrowed 181,279 books, 11.7% more than in 1954. Their interests were as varied as those of the adults, and they showed particular interest in stories of famous people, in books of animal stories and books on science. Almost 80% of the total public school population is now registered to borrow books from the Boys' and Girls' libraries.

## **Story Hours**

47 Story Hours were held on Saturday mornings, with an attendance of 1,354. In March a puppet show was held at the Main Library and 200 children came to enjoy it. 5 Reading Hours were held with an attendance of 76.

## **School Visiting**

Staff members visited 19 school classes to give book talks and information about the library. 6 classes visited the libraries to be introduced to its attractions.

## **Book Collection**

Many new books were added to the shelves during the year; 3,314 for adults and 4,278 for boys and girls, making a total of 7,592. These were shelf-listed and catalogued to make them easily available to staff and public.

## **Record Collection**

There is now a collection of over 200 long-playing records available for circulation. Ballet music, symphonies, carols and operettas may be taken home to be enjoyed in the evenings.

## Talks and Book Displays

Librarians talked to Home and School Associations, Church groups, and clinics at Northwestern Hospital. Book displays were sent to these meetings to illustrate the work of the library.

Articles on books and the library were prepared for local papers and for Home and School publications. Parents and children sought the special book lists issued at the time of Young Canada's Book Week and mimeographed lists prepared by the Boys' and Girls' department were very popular.

## Who may borrow books?

Any resident of York Township may become a member of the Library by filling out an application card and paying five cents for a membership card, which will entitle him to borrow books.

## How long may books be kept?

Books may be kept for two weeks and renewed once at the end of that time, if no request has been entered.

## Where are the Libraries?

### YORK TOWNSHIP MAIN LIBRARY

1745 Eglinton Ave. West. - Tel. OR. 1700

### JANE STREET BRANCH

610 Jane Street

Tel. RO. 9-4693

### MOUNT DENNIS BRANCH

1123 Weston Road

Tel. RO. 2-3348

### BOOKMOBILE HEADQUARTERS

1745 Eglinton Ave. West - Tel. OR. 1700

## When are the Libraries open?

### ADULTS

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday - Friday — 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday — 10.30 to 12 and 1.30 to 6

### BOYS AND GIRLS

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday - Friday — 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday — 10.30 to 12 and 1.30 to 6

*The Library is closed on Wednesday. In July and August the Library will be closed on Saturday, open on Wednesday.*

Bookmobile — operates on weekly schedule.

Time table sent on application — Tel. OR. 1700