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AT

YORK TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC LIBRARIES

THIS IS THE FINAL REPORT OF YORK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY. Bill 81, amending the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Act, has provided the municipality with extended boundaries and a new jurisdiction. On January 1st, 1967, the Borough of York came into being, absorbing the Township of York and the Town of Weston.

## Looking Back

An article in the Ontario Library Review, May 1952, written by the Chief Librarian, recalls the beginning of library organization in the Township. The York Township Public Library was established in 1945, serving its 90,000 population first in a small branch in rented quarters, then in a second small branch, also in rented quarters and then by a bookmobile, operating from an old fire hall. By the end of 1948 the Library Board felt the time had come to request the Municipal Council for funds for a new building. Council not only agreed to this proposal, but suggested that two branches should be built immediately. The Main Library opened in January 1951, the Mount Dennis Branch in March 1951, and the Jane Street Branch in November 1951. In 1964 a large addition was made to the Main Library, which now provides some 23,000 square feet, to house 100,000 volumes, provide administrative space and added services.

## Looking Ahead

In 1966 the Library Board completed plans for a new branch on Trowell Avenue at Keele Street, to look after the needs of some 20,000 people who live in the area. It is expected that this will be completed in 1967.

On January 1st, 1967, the Weston Public Library became part of the new Borough of York Public Library system, which now serves 138,374 people with a Main Library, 3 branches and a bookmobile.

## FIGURES FOR '66

POPULATION .....	129,297
BOOK STOCK .....	153,890
VOLUMES ADDED .....	15,462
CIRCULATION OF ALL ITEMS ....	530,224

The use of an expanded reference collection continued to grow. The staff provided answers to more than 14,000 personal or telephone questions during the year.

1937 language and musical recordings were taken home for pleasure or instruction.

Monthly lists of recent books were prepared to focus attention on current reading, as well as many topical lists prepared by the circulation staffs.

Members of the Community were invited to attend 22 art exhibitions, 10 lectures and 2 professional concerts of folk singing. The adult programmes attracted 2165 people. 5 special exhibitions of model soldiers, dolls in national costumes, handicrafts and paper sculpture were presented. The paper sculpture display was very popular and drew city-wide notice.

About 2500 boys and girls listened to stories, enjoyed films, puppet shows, folk music, and exhibitions of children's art. A puppet work-shop attracted children in the summer, who presented their own show to demonstrate their skill. As usual, boys and girls were eager library patrons, accounting for about 50% of the books taken for home reading.



## LIBRARY LOCATIONS

MAIN LIBRARY	1745 Eglinton Ave. W. Toronto 10 781-5208
JANE STREET BRANCH	610 Jane Street Toronto 9 769-4693
MT. DENNIS BRANCH	1123 Weston Road Toronto 9 762-3348
WESTON BRANCH	2 King Street Weston 241-3116
BOOKMOBILE SERVICE	1745 Eglinton Ave. W. Toronto 10 781-5208

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