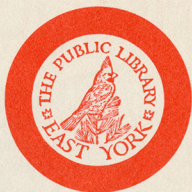


EAST YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY



ANNUAL REPORT '79



HIGHLIGHTS OF 1979

The year 1979 presented a difficult challenge to the Library. Declining revenues in the non-municipal portion of the budget resulted in a reduction of part-time staff hours and hours open at all branches, starting in mid-April. A successful experiment in Sunday opening at the S. Walter Stewart Branch also had to be ended on May 26.

In spite of the setback, library facilities were well-used during 1979. Although the reduced hours caused some decline in circulation of books and records, there was an increase in the circulation of films and talking books. Overall circulation decreased by only 4% from 1978, even though weekly hours open were cut by 27% at the larger branches and 11% at the smaller ones.

Children's Programs continued to be well-attended. In addition to the regular on-going activities, such as preschool classes, puppet shows and story hours, two new ones were inaugurated successfully by our staff: "Sharing literature with children", a series of talks for parents (begun in 1978); and an experimental program of French for preschoolers at the Leaside Branch. Special presentations by outside groups included, Etobicoke Children's Theatre, Frog Print Theatre and magician Glenn Ottaway, among others. The Library also participated in the Metro Puppetry festival in the fall.

For adults the main emphasis was on continuing education programs, including batik, calligraphy, gardening, photography and yoga. Other adult programs ranged from "Roses in your garden" to "Nuclear energy in Ontario."

The Library continued its involvement with the community during the past year, participating again in East York Day on April 7 by providing a display of library materials (primarily Multilingual), with a staff member in attendance. The Library also co-operated closely with the Cosburn Community School Survey, and was pleased to learn that of 481 responding households, 76% had members with library cards. The Chief Librarian served on Centennial College's President's Task Force on Community Education, which is planning its own survey in 1980.

Some measures were taken during 1979 to improve services to our patrons. A systematic program of collection development was undertaken, starting with the popular Dewey 600 section (which includes cookbooks, books on pets, automobile repair manuals, etc.). Most of the titles ordered were received by the end of the year and the program will continue in 1980 with the 500 (Science) and 700 (The Arts) sections. An experimental direct purchase fund for books in high demand was started at Leaside Branch and it greatly speeded up their acquisition. All branches will have a fund in 1980. A duplicate service collection was established at the S. Walter Stewart Branch, providing rental of high demand titles at 5¢ per day. This service will also be available at Leaside Branch in 1980. And an automated film-booking



system connecting staff of our Audio-Visual Department with their counterparts at the Metropolitan Toronto Library made it possible to confirm bookings of their 16mm films instantly, instead of in up to two weeks. The Library's commitment to improve services to you our patrons, will continue to have the highest priority.



YOUR USE OF THE LIBRARY

1979

BOOKS IN COLLECTION 218,451

CIRCULATION	
Books	686,060
Records and Cassettes	22,673
Films (16mm & 8mm)	16,770
Talking Books	2,540
Art Prints	1,461
Other	632
	730,136

BOOKS USED IN LIBRARY 89,772

INTERLIBRARY LOANS	
Items borrowed	2,013
Items loaned	1,163

REFERENCE QUESTIONS ANSWERED 53,416

ATTENDANCE	
Library programs	70,636
Film showings outside library	125,326

AUDITORIUM RENTALS 3,593

BORROWER'S REGISTRATIONS 22,943

POPULATION 100,858



FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE

Municipal levy	1,080,000.00
Provincial Grant	189,142.00
Rentals	21,658.00
Fines, membership, etc.	21,468.00
Bank interest	3,491.00
Surplus	18,693.00
Other	1,876.00
TOTAL	1,336,328.00

EXPENDITURES

Books, films, records, and other materials	201,893.00
Salaries and employees' benefits	811,516.00
Maintenance, rent and utilities	92,793.00
Furniture and equipment	8,000.00
Library and office supplies	20,119.00
Debentures	83,220.00
Other	106,836.00
TOTAL	1,324,377.00



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