

EAST YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY



Ribbon-cutting ceremony April 25, 1987 to open new Multilingual Room at S. Walter Stewart. Left to right, Alderman Edna Beange, Mrs. Aya Saegusa, Librarian Indu Grover, Ms. Mae Ogaki, Chief Librarian Bey Grieve, Mayor Dave Johnson, Ms. Marjorie Lewsey, Alderman Bill Buckingham, Chairman John Ridout, Assistant Chief Librarian Alice Lorrman.

Annual Report 1987

CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

We were very pleased to invite Mayor Johnson and representatives of the East York multicultural community to officially open our new Multilingual Collections Room at the S. Walter Stewart Branch in April. The new room provides much needed shelving space for our collection, as well as a better public service area for our Coordinator of Multilingual Services.

A highlight of the year was the achievement of our all-time record circulation of 863,983 which was due in part to the first full year of Sunday service at Leaside and the start of Sunday service at Thorncliffe in the fall. Another major factor was the increasing popularity of video-cassettes, which are now available at two branches, S. Walter Stewart and Leaside, and which we hope will be available to Thorncliffe and Dawes Road by the end of 1988. The expansion of the Todmorden Room in late 1986 also resulted in a significant increase in use during 1987. We look forward to continued high demand for our services by East Yorkers during 1988.

Bey Grieve
Chief Librarian

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Special Projects in 1987

Patrons and community leaders had an opportunity to say how they felt their library should be operated in the next five years when they participated in the formulation of our Goals and Objectives for 1988-92. Most objectives from our previous goals and objectives (1983 through 1985) have been achieved and some additional objectives were carried out in 1987: the opening of the third of our four branches on Sunday (Thorncliffe); the inauguration of our Multilingual Collections Room at S. Walter Stewart Branch; development of a policy for service to young adults; and provision of a new, children's story hour room at Leaside.

Engineering for replacement of the two obsolete, oil-fired heating units in the basement of the Leaside Branch, and the four old cooling units on the roof, by modern, gas-fired combination heating/cooling units got under way in 1987, and we are hopeful of receiving a grant covering half of the cost from the Ontario Government when work begins in the Spring of 1988.

Our most important and exciting project is our proposed computerized, public-access catalogue and automated circulation control system (PAC/ACC to librarians, who just love acronyms). We requested

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (continued)

proposals from vendors in the Summer and spent the Fall carefully considering the many submissions we received. If all goes well, by the end of 1988 we expect to have terminals in our libraries which patrons can use to find out what books are available, and shortly thereafter we hope to have the ACC in operation so users can determine if the material they want is out on loan and if it is, to reserve it for themselves when it comes back. They will also be able to find out what books they have charged out and when they are due.

Other Activities

The Board actively opposed the proposed federal "censorship" bill (C-54), although we didn't feel we should punish our patrons for the government's misdemeanors by closing our branches in protest. We also joined the other library boards in Metro Toronto in urging the federal government to include provision for "fair dealing" in the proposed new copyright legislation, so that libraries will not have to pay fees to authors' and publishers' collectives for single photocopies of copyright material made by library patrons for their private use.

Board members did yeoman service again this year. Hazel Thornton-Lazier serving as the representative of all the boards in Metro Toronto on the Ontario Library Trustees' Association and Marian Wilson being appointed to the National Library Advisory Board. We thank them all for their devotion, particularly Raymond Peringer who had to resign at mid-year from the Board when he moved out of East York.

Staff also were active, particularly the Chief Librarian, Bey Grieve, who served, among other things, as Secretary-Treasurer to the national group of CEOs of large, urban libraries. Others worked on Metro Toronto library committees as well as community organizations in East York. Their work is appreciated.

John Ridout
Chairman

East York Public Library Board.



A major withdrawal of worn-out and read-out books was completed in '87, in preparation for upcoming automation.



Award-winning children's author and Metro writer-in-residence for '87, Claire Mackay, gives tips on creative writing to a class at our Thorncliffe Branch.



Our annual Canada Day celebration, complete with puppet shows, local history displays and a giant paperback sale, is a happy East York tradition.

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Bringing books and people together is our library's business and 1987 saw Children's Services busy with a writers-in-residence programme, children's booklists, an international exhibit, author visits and the usual year-round slate of programmes, films, stories, classes and seasonal events for our younger patrons.

Writer-in-Residence

1987 began with East York Public Library's sponsorship of a Metro-wide residency for Canadian children's author **Claire Mackay**. This popular programme of writing workshops, conducted by Claire in Metro and Borough libraries from January through June of '87, prompted the submission of many manuscripts by aspiring children's writers and roused much public interest.

We hosted a wide spectrum of author visits in '87. American picture book author and illustrator **Vera Williams** visited two of our branches, award-winning Canadian author **Kevin Majors** spoke about his latest best-seller "Dear Bruce Springsteen" to an audience of young adults, and Maritime poet **Sheree Fitch** delighted classes with selections from her first book.

Further activities on a Metro-wide level included the re-printing of the well-loved booklist, "Introducing Your Child to Books". Funded by a grant from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, this reprinting has enabled us to provide the East York Health Unit with copies for inclusion in information packages given to all new mothers in East York, as well as supplying quantities to Borough day-care centres, nursery schools and other community agencies.

A Metro-wide co-operative effort also brought British Council's extensive and popular Exhibit of Children's Books to our branches.

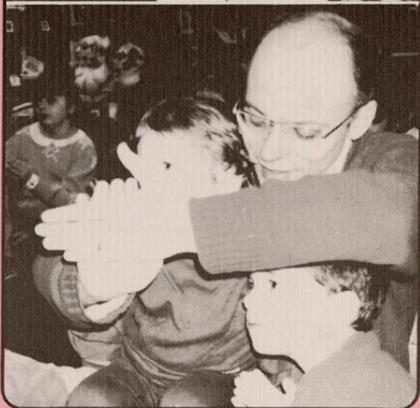
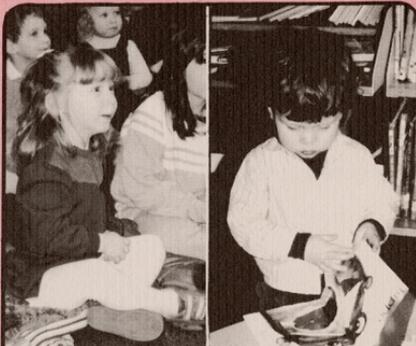
Programming

Programming for young children is still our focal point, as public demand, interests and kinds of programming continue to change and grow. Summer theme activities, (the reading clubs in particular), attracted increased numbers in '87, while afterschool programming enjoyed a renaissance, especially for the babysitting and puppetry clubs. That timeless library favourite, "Saturday Story Hour" (now a Wednesday afterschool feature at Thorncliffe!), is finding increased favour with children. The popularity of some of our "Specials", particularly those held during March Break, led to a decision to issue tickets to ensure that audience sizes did not violate fire regulations.

In response to increased demand for books and services in French, largely stimulated by French immersion programmes in local schools, all Branch collections are being upgraded, and, where possible, class visits are being initiated.

Finally, the placement of a deposit collection in the East End Children's Centre, a parent/child drop-in centre and toy-lending service, has proven a popular success.

Kids at the Library



1987 AT A GLANCE

(EAST YORK 1987 population — 101,940)

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|--------------------------------|---------|
| Circulation (All Materials) .. | 863,983 |
| Book Stock | 236,361 |
| Registration | 22,352 |
| Reference Questions | 36,747 |

REVENUE

| | 1986 | 1987 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Municipal Tax Levy | 2,180,000 | 2,347,500 |
| Provincial Grant | 270,809 | 284,090 |
| Other (incl. Surplus/Deficit) | 83,353 | 55,425 |
| TOTAL | 2,534,162 | 2,687,015 |

EXPENSES

| | 1986 | 1987 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Books and Materials | 452,257 | 451,584 |
| Salaries and Benefits | 1,601,070 | 1,717,085 |
| Utilities, Rent and Insurance | 110,333 | 118,273 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 90,358 | 93,677 |
| Debentures | 63,560 | 77,230 |
| Other | 221,594 | 228,938 |
| TOTAL | 2,539,172 | 2,686,787 |

LOCATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
Unit 34—2 Thorncliffe Park Drive 423-6218

S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY
170 Memorial Park Avenue 425-8222

LEASIDE LIBRARY
165 McRae Drive 425-1044

THORNCLIFFE LIBRARY
48 Thorncliffe Park Drive 421-4791

DAWES ROAD LIBRARY
416 Dawes Road 757-8649

TODMORDEN ROOM
Pape and Torrens Avenue 425-9977

BRANCH HEADS

MR. ALICE LORRIMAN
S. Walter Stewart

MR. ROBERT ALLISON
Leaside

MRS. PATRICIA GOODFELLOW
Thorncliffe

MRS. INTA DOUGLAS
Dawes Road

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