

EAST YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY



Annual Report 1988

CHIEF LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Automation

Contract negotiations with Dynix Ltd. of Provo, Utah for an automated circulation system and online public access catalogue were completed at the end of 1988. Implementation, starting with an online catalogue to replace the present card and microfiche one in the fall of 1989, is slated to be completed by mid 1990. The system will provide better access to the collection and better and more efficient service to our users.

Hours of Service

The Board passed a motion to keep all branches open on Saturday during July and August, 1988 except for three long weekends. East York Public Library branches had been closed on summer Saturdays since 1975. The extended hours were successful and will be continued in 1989.

Buildings

With the assistance of capital funding provided by the East York Council and a matching grant under the Ministry of Culture and Communications' Cultural Facilities Improvement Program, the library was able to replace the out-of-date heating and air conditioning system at Leaside branch with a more efficient, cost effective, gas powered one. The result should be a more comfortable environment for both patrons and staff and lower costs for the library.

Technical Services

A study of the library's cataloguing and processing system was done by Bonnie Campbell and Associates, to help the library prepare for the impact of automation. One of the major recommendations in the report was that the library set up a technical services department. A new Head of Technical Services, Carol Ufford, was hired in November, 1988 and immediately began the necessary preparatory work for automation of our cataloguing system and for the eventual inclusion of video cassettes, multilingual books and other materials in our forthcoming online catalogue. The result should be to speed up the cataloguing and processing of library materials and to provide better access to a wider range of materials to our users.

Board

Under the 1985 Public Libraries Act the terms of library board members coincide with the terms of municipal councils and expired as of November 30, 1988. Former members Councillor Edna Beange, James Mackasey, Janis Symmers and Marian Wilson left the Board and were replaced by Councillor Helen Kennedy, Sarah McAteer, Clive Probert and Sonja van Heerden. Other members of the previous Board are remaining for another term. We offer our best wishes and thanks to departing members for their dedication to good library service and congratulations and best wishes to our new members.

Bey L. Grieve
Chief Librarian

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Audio-Visual Department

At our S. Walter Stewart Branch, patrons are continually 'discovering' the A/V Department and its rich resources. Compact discs appear to be the audio wave of the future — S. Walter Stewart has about 400 CDs so far, and circulation is increasing. A start-up collection in this popular new format has been selected and catalogued for the Leaside Branch. Videos, currently just at the two larger branches, enjoy huge popularity, with a constant demand for new and 'different' titles.

16mm film circulation continues strong with community groups, — public health, social welfare, day-care, seniors and children's events.

Multilingual Services

The programme highlight of '88 was 'Indian Author's Night' held during Public Library Week, October '88. Readings were held in Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi, Panjabi and Urdu by Canadian authors of Bangladeshi, Indian and Pakistani heritage. The programme was open to the general public and very well attended. To introduce newcomers to library services, guides have been translated into many languages. To help new Canadians learning English, a separate collection of ESL (English as a Second Language) books, language tests and grammar has a separate space in the Multilingual Collections room. Each year East York Public Library provides a display of all library services provided to the ethnic community at "East York Day" — a multicultural event of ethnic programmes, displays and food from many lands.



Author Monica Hughes greets a young fan at Thorncliffe Branch, October '88.



Mr. V. P. Singh, Consul General for India, introduces speakers at "Indian Author's Night", October 18, 1988.



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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

In a Nutshell

The past year has been a busy time for Children's Services, as we continue to respond to the changing demands of the East York Community.

For the Very Young

Preschool services and activities received much emphasis in '88, as most Branches found that Toddler Times and Preschool Storytime sessions were very popular, usually with maximum enrollment for each session. Even our traditional Saturday Story Hours, designed for school-age children, have become magnets for more and more preschoolers.

School-age Children

All Branches held successful programmes for older age groups. Puppetry clubs, babysitting courses, March Break and Saturday specials, themed summer activities, and Christmas and seasonal programmes were all well-attended by school-age children.

Author! Author!

Author visits, though few in 1988, were most successful with the children. Canadian fantasy and sci-fi writer **Monica Hughes** spoke about the creative process to grade five kids at Dawes Road and Thorncliffe. It proved a wonderful opportunity for these young students to meet with 'a real live author' and ask questions about writing. British poet **Mick Gower** entertained classes at S. Walter Stewart and Dawes Road with an original programme of poetry with guitar accompaniment.

Parenting Collections

Branches have been reviewing and updating their popular "Parenting" collections, including "Parenting Binders" full of topical information.

As an added attraction for small fry, a small collection of preschool games and puzzles has been added to the children's departments of all Branches.

Booklists

Selected, annotated booklists continued to play an important role in introducing children to the wide world of books. The popular perennial, "Books for Babies" was updated; a new list entitled "Out of this World; Science Fiction for Children" was created in support of the "Spaced-Out Summer" theme, and a book of fingerplays was produced, a big hit with moms of very young children.

French Books

Demand continues high in all Branches for additional French books and materials. In response, collections in French have been augmented whenever possible. Visits by students in French immersion classes have proven very popular at the S. Walter Stewart Branch.

New Story Hour Room

Finally, a welcome addition at the S. Walter Stewart Library was the construction of the new Story Hour Room. Children, parents, and librarians all find it provides a friendly, cozy atmosphere in which to enjoy children's programmes.

Kids at the Library



1988 AT A GLANCE

(EAST YORK 1988 POPULATION — 101,085)

Circulation (All Materials) . . .	842,063
Book Stock	239,806
Registration	21,556
Reference Questions	38,180

REVENUE

	1987	1988
Municipal Tax Levy	\$ 2,347,500	\$ 2,464,875
Provincial Grant	284,090	297,116
Other (Incl. Surplus/Deficit)	55,425	67,085
TOTAL	\$ 2,687,015	\$ 2,829,076

EXPENSES

	1987	1988
Books and Materials	\$ 451,584	\$ 481,843
Salaries and Benefits	1,717,085	1,789,084
Utilities, Rent and Insurance	118,273	147,969
Repairs and Maintenance	93,677	105,557
Debentures	77,230	91,748
Other	228,938	212,758
TOTAL	\$ 2,686,787	\$ 2,828,959

LOCATIONS

ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

Unit 34-2 Thorncliffe Park Drive 396-3800

S. WALTER STEWART LIBRARY

170 Memorial Park Avenue 396-EYPL

LEASIDE LIBRARY

165 McRae Drive 396-3835

THORNCLIFFE LIBRARY

48 Thorncliffe Park Drive 396-3865

DAWES ROAD LIBRARY

416 Dawes Road 396-3820

TODMORDEN ROOM

Pape and Torrens Avenue 396-3875

BRANCH HEADS

MRS. ALICE LORRIMAN
S. Walter Stewart Library

MR. ROBERT ALLISON
Leaside Library

MRS. PATRICIA GOODFELLOW
Thorncliffe Library

MRS. INTA DOUGLAS
Dawes Road Library

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