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City Clerk C. Edgar Norris seeks information from Miss Joyce N. Watson, librarian-in-charge of the Municipal Reference Section.

INTRODUCING THE MUNICIPAL REFERENCE SERVICE AT THE CITY HALL LIBRARY

This guide has been written for all who are interested in municipal affairs, especially the elected representatives and civic employees of the City of Toronto and the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto.

The Municipal Reference Library is situated on the mezzanine of the City Hall Branch Library. The collection comprises 7,000 volumes, both current and historical, on such subjects as urban sociology, housing, municipal finance, municipal government, traffic and transit, fire protection, water supply, and town planning. Four thousand items in this collection were received as a gift from the Bureau of Municipal Research, Toronto.

Also available are the entire resources of the City Hall Branch, 25,000 circulating volumes and the Business Reference collection of 15,000 volumes including the complete publications of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The staff may also call on the full resources of the Toronto Public Library and have Telex communication with other libraries in Canada.

THE MUNICIPAL REFERENCE COLLECTION

Reference books on all aspects of local affairs:

Complete runs of such things as Toronto City Council Minutes and Estimates, The Board of Education Minutes, and Metropolitan Toronto Auditor's reports. Reference books cover topics such as municipal statistics for all provinces, local government, regional planning, zoning, urban renewal, subways, expropriation, etc.

Studies, reports and financial statements issued by municipal bodies from all over the world. The section will concentrate on designated metropolitan areas and will supply a list of the cities which are to be covered in detail. The stress will be on Canadian material but current United States and non-Canadian material will be available.

Current newspapers and periodicals

The library has approximately 70 periodicals including the following newspapers (kept for three months only):

Calgary Herald New York Times
Charlottetown Guardian Ottawa Citizen
Detroit Free Press Paris Le Figaro
Edmonton Journal Regina Leader-Post

Halifax Chronicle St. John (N.B.) Telegraph Journal
Hamburg Die Welt St. John's (Nfld.) Telegram
Hamilton Spectator Sydney Morning Herald (Aust.)

Financial Post Toronto Globe and Mail

London Free Press Toronto Star
London Times Toronto Telegram

Montreal Gazette Vancouver Daily Province
Montreal La Presse Winnipeg Free Press

The library has microfilm files of the Globe and Mail, Financial Post, and New York Times from 1960. We have a microfilm reader-printer and a Xerox 914 copier.

Current bibliographies from other municipal reference libraries in various parts of the world including:

Johannesburg Public Library. Municipal Reference Library Bulletin.

Joint Reference Library, Chicago. Recent publications on Governmental problems.

Greater London Council's Library. Accessions list.

Ministry of Housing and Local Government, London. Index to periodical articles; Classified accessions list; Government publications of Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

New York Public Library. Municipal Reference Library notes.

Institut für Weltwirtschaft an der Universität Kiel. Index cards on urban affairs.

We will maintain a good coverage of the local scene and Toronto facts by selective indexing and clipping of the Toronto papers.

OTHER CITY HALL BRANCH SERVICES

The City Hall Branch subscribes to a number of periodical indexes:

Applied Science and Technology Index

Art Index

Business Periodicals Index

Public Affairs Information Service

New York Times Index

Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature

The Business Reference Library contains, among other material, trade directories and extensive files of Canadian corporation reports. Much related material on affairs of interest in the municipal field is also available for home use in the Circulation Collection.

You may also be interested in the following services offered by the Toronto Public Libraries:

The Central Library, College and St. George Streets, provides books and information on all subjects. Services and collections include:

Metropolitan Bibliographic Centre and Interloan

General and Student Reference

Literature and History

Social Sciences

Science and Technology

Baldwin and Toronto Rooms

Fine Art

Theatre and Drama

The Osborne Collection of Early Children's Books, 1505–1910, and The Lillian H. Smith Collection of Children's Books, 1911–1966.

Microfilming and rapid photocopying services reproduce extracts, articles or pictures to be found in the Library system (for a small charge).

Telex provides rapid communication with other large libraries and with business and industry.

Open: Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, the Central Library is open for Reference use only, 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 15 to May 15.

Deer Park — Business Reference Service

40 St. Clair Avenue East

Open every week-day except Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Music Library, 559 Avenue Road at St. Clair

Open every week-day except Wednesday, 12 noon to $8.30~\mathrm{p.m.}$ Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Languages and Literature Collection and The Self-Instruction Centre are in the Parkdale Branch,

1303 Queen Street West

Open every week-day except Wednesday, 12 noon to 8.30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A FINAL NOTE

The Municipal Reference Library is new and our development will depend on the needs of our patrons. We welcome requests and comments.

We would like to be put on the mailing list of municipal departments and associations which publish reports and studies for public use.

To quote from another library's brochure, "A man's judgement is as good as his information". We think that there will be a growing need for a library devoted to this exploding municipal field.

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