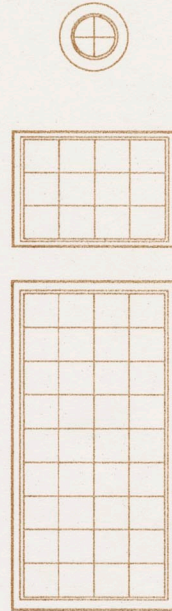


*Official Opening
of the*

**BARBARA
FRUM
LIBRARY**



& Community Recreation Centre

*Thursday, September 24, 1992
6:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.*



"I often think that the nature and quality of library service is as accurate a criterion of the maturity of a community as it is possible to find."

Dr. Murray G. Ross,
President, York University,
from his remarks at the official opening
of Bathurst Heights Regional Branch,
January 23, 1962

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Official Opening Agenda

Master of Ceremonies - Josephine Bryant, Chief Executive Officer

6:30 p.m.

Music by Nancy Anderson & Susan Pilch

7:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Speakers - Main Floor

Councillor Barry Burton, Chair, North York Public Library Board
Gordon Hutchinson, Commissioner, Parks & Recreation Department
Mayor Mel Lastman
Phillip Carter, Architect
Dr. Murray Frum, Frum Development Group

7:45 p.m.

Ribbon Cutting

Mayor Mel Lastman
Councillor Barry Burton
Dr. Murray Frum

8:00 p.m.

Entertainment

The Madcap Adventures of Jay Miller - Lower Level Auditorium
Jazzmobile Jam with Jim Galloway - Main Floor

Refreshments will be available on the lower level immediately following the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

*On display in the
3rd floor auditorium:
Works by Dubi Arie*

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NORTH YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

The responsibilities are challenging, the hours long, the issues often controversial, and the pay non-existent. Nonetheless, nine North York Public Library trustees attend monthly Board meetings and additional committee meetings to construct policies for the delivery of library service in North York.

Trustees are appointed by North York City Council to serve for a three-year term. Four of the nine members are North York councillors. Board members work closely with library executive staff to guide the direction of one of the largest public library systems in Canada.

The building of the Barbara Frum Library owes no small debt to the efforts of the current and previous Library Boards.

The Board, 1991-1993

Councillor Barry Burton, Chair
Lindley Massiah, Vice-Chair
Linda Abrams
Councillor Joanne Flint
Councillor Frank Di Giorgio
Berenice Pepe
Harold Randall
Councillor Judy Sgro
Nighat Sukhera

1989-1991

Linda Abrams
Councillor Barry Burton
Lindley Massiah
Councillor Jim McGuffin
Kerle Palin
Stephnie Payne
Berenice Pepe
Harold Randall
Councillor Judy Sgro
Nighat Sukhera
Jack Wigham
Lorraine Williams
Susan Yates



From the Board Chair

Just over 30 years ago, a group of people stood a short distance from here to celebrate the opening of a new library and the birth of library service in the Bathurst Heights Region.

Today, we celebrate a renewal. It is a symbol of stability and growth and a tribute to the people who have made it happen – the Library Board, library staff, architect Phillip Carter, Jackson-Lewis Contractors and many others.

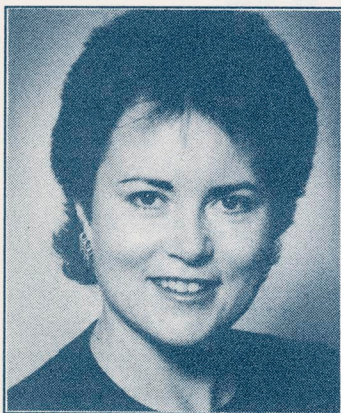
Particular recognition goes out to Dr. Murray Frum and CBL Investments for following through on a promise made some years ago to build us a new library.

But this celebration is above all a tribute to the people of Bathurst Heights.

Their willingness to help plan a new branch, to bid farewell to a building that was part of their childhoods, and their pledge – proven in action over 30 years – to care for and nurture quality library service, are as much an inspiration to the pursuit of knowledge as this grand new building.

On behalf of the North Public Library Board, I welcome the Barbara Frum Library.

Councillor Barry Burton, Chair



From the Chief Executive Officer

This opening confirms a new era at North York Public Library marked by the replacement of our founding library buildings with beautiful but functional architectural marvels.

While developer Murray Frum, architect Phillip Carter and designer Sheila Fletcher are sure to garner well deserved accolades, I also want to recognize some key people who have driven the wheels of this project, some from start to finish. They are: Building Team Chair Linda Mackenzie and members Janice Suarez-Mason, Bruce Barnett, Marion Milne and Christine Sanchez. Along with design and development professionals like Peter Doering, Tom Goetz, Keith Vaughan Williams and Dennis Delaney, these people formed a team whose tribute will form the heart of the Bathurst Heights region for many years.

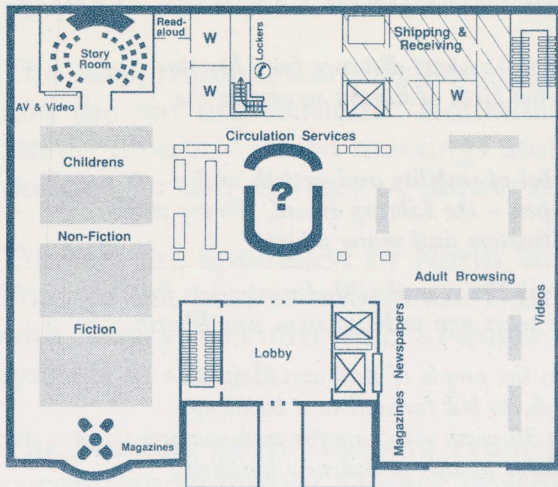
Of course, none of this would have happened without the unfailing support and guidance, through thick and thin, of the Library Board and City Council.

If the residents of the Bathurst Heights region are even half as proud of the Barbara Frum Library as I am, then today we are a very proud community indeed.

Josephine Bryant, Chief Executive Officer

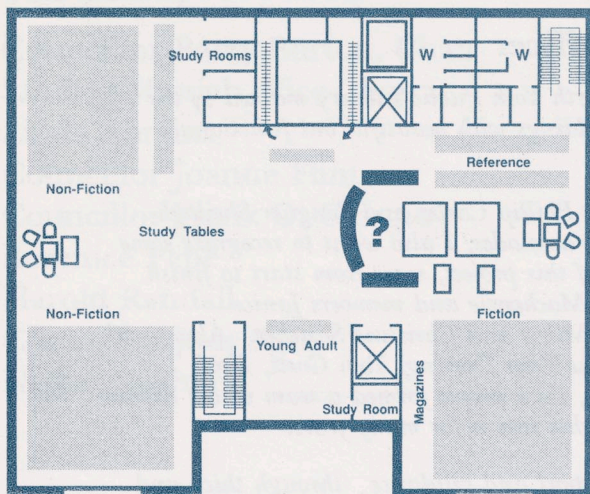
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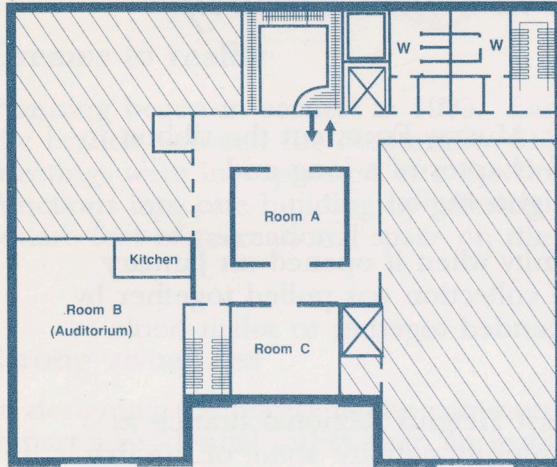
GROUND FLOOR

- Adult browsing lounge
- Coin-operated lockers
- Circulation area
- Children's Department and Story Room
- Children's microcomputers
- Jewish Mosaic Collection
- Multicultural materials
- Paperbacks
- Popular magazines and newspapers
- Portable listening equipment
- Public telephone
- Read-aloud room
- Videos, cassettes, CDs



SECOND FLOOR

- Adult fiction and non-fiction
- CD-ROM Network Reference Service
- Government Publications
- Large Print books
- Reference material
- Study rooms
- Visualtek reading aid
- Young adult area

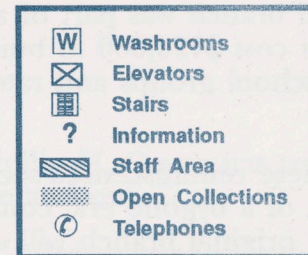


THIRD FLOOR

Program/assembly rooms with kitchen

- Auditorium capacity: 150
- Meeting room capacity: 40

Exhibit space



BUILDING FEATURES

<i>Developer</i>	Frum Development Group
<i>Architect</i>	Phillip H. Carter
<i>Interior design</i>	Sheilagh Fletcher
<i>General Contractor</i>	Jackson-Lewis
<i>Construction start date</i>	July 22, 1991
<i>Official opening date</i>	September 24, 1992
<i>Building size</i>	40,790 sq. ft.
<i>Library size</i>	30,842 sq. ft.
<i>Additional tenant</i>	North York Parks & Recreation Dept.
<i>Collection size</i>	130,000 volumes
<i>Accessibility features</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ designated parking ❖ automatic doors ❖ elevators ❖ washrooms ❖ strobe alarms

From Bathurst Heights....to Barbara Frum Library

A Bathurst Heights retrospective

When Mayor Mel Lastman, Councillor Barry Burton and Dr. Murray Frum cut the ribbon to open the new Barbara Frum Library, they begin the second chapter of a long and distinguished tradition of library service in the Bathurst Heights region.

The original branch was part of a young, suburban community when it opened on January 23, 1962. It cost \$120,000 to build, and a good part of the collection was pulled together by home and school groups and ratepayers' associations who banded together to solicit book donations.

Although these reminiscences seem to categorize the Bathurst Heights Regional Branch as the product of a bygone era, consider this hallmark of community stability: some of the first users of the original branch will also be the first users of the new branch.

A very book-conscious clientele, this community has supported book discussion groups and a Writers' Circle for many years. Bathurst Heights patrons care for their library, and staff report finding books in good condition that have been in the collection for 25 years.

Plans unfold

The impetus for a new branch grew out of long-range plans in the mid-1980s to redevelop North York's oldest regional libraries: Bathurst Heights, Don Mills and Downsview, all built between 1960 and 1962. A 1987 feasibility study revealed no way to make the Bathurst Heights building large enough to support all modern services and provide accessibility to the disabled.

When CBL Investments, under Dr. Murray Frum, owner of the land at the northwest corner of Bathurst and Lawrence, made public its intention to rebuild the Lawrence Plaza, an agreement was reached between the North York Public Library Board and CBL Investments to exchange land and provide a new library at CBL's expense.

Dreams to reality

Planning began in earnest in 1989. Early work included feasibility studies and public meetings at the branch between the community, library staff, and consultants. Many of the ideas from these meetings were incorporated into the final design, including combining library and recreational functions into one building by offering the North York Parks & Recreation Department 9,000 square feet of recreational space on the bottom floor.

Strong visual ties

In designing the library as the community focal point, architect Phillip H. Carter has tried to impart a residential rather than an institutional flavour, both inside and out.

A veteran of thirteen previous library building projects, Mr. Carter's dream was to tie the building visually to the community, conveying the sense of a grand old house where people would stay and read rather than just pick up their books and go home. Carter, along with interior designer Sheilagh Fletcher, spared no details. Even the roof has been made attractive in anticipation of future high-rise development in the area.

Improved service delivery

Bright, spacious and warm, the new library will improve branch service to children, who will now enjoy a warm and friendly area with a story room on the main floor. Seniors should also find the branch to their liking, with popular material centrally located and easily accessible.

The latest features for the disabled ensure that the branch remains accessible to all. State-of-the-art services, such as the portable listening equipment and NYPL's new CD-ROM Network Reference Service will keep the Barbara Frum Library at the forefront of not only library design, but library service.

The Library Board is honoured that the building will carry the name of one of Canada's most distinguished broadcasters, and a North York resident, the late Barbara Frum.

North York Public Library Branches

Amesbury Park Community Branch

1565 Lawrence Ave. W.
395-5420

Armour Heights Community Branch

2140 Avenue Rd.
395-5430

Barbara Frum Library

20 Covington Rd.
395-5440

Bayview Community Branch

2901 Bayview Ave.
395-5460

Black Creek Community Branch

2141 Jane St.
395-5470

Brookbanks Community Branch

210 Brookbanks Dr.
395-5480

Centennial Community Branch

578 Finch Ave. W.
395-5490

Central Library

5120 Yonge St.
395-5700

Don Mills Regional Branch

888 Lawrence Ave. E.
395-5710

Downsview Regional Branch

2793 Keele St.
395-5720

Executive Offices

5120 Yonge St.
395-5500

Fairview Regional Branch

35 Fairview Mall Dr.
395-5750

Flemingdon Park Community Branch

29 St. Dennis Dr.
395-5820

Hillcrest Community Branch

5801 Leslie St.
395-5830

Humber Summit Community Branch

2990 Islington Ave.
395-5840

Jane Sheppard Community Branch

Jane Sheppard Mall
395-5966

Pleasant View Community Branch

575 Van Horne Ave.
395-5940

Victoria Village Community Branch

184 Sloane Ave.
395-5950

Woodview Park Community Branch

16-18 Bradstock Rd.
395-5960

York Woods Regional Branch

1785 Finch Ave. W.
395-5980

Yorkdale Community Branch

Yorkdale Shopping Centre
395-5970



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