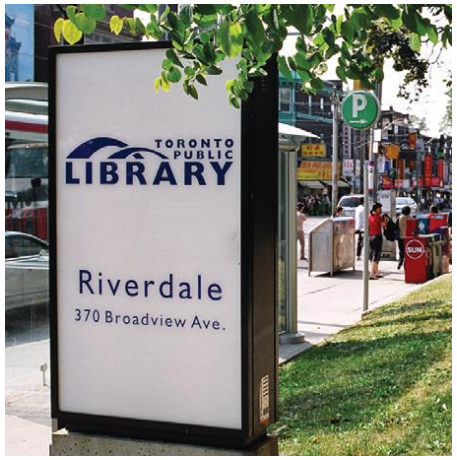

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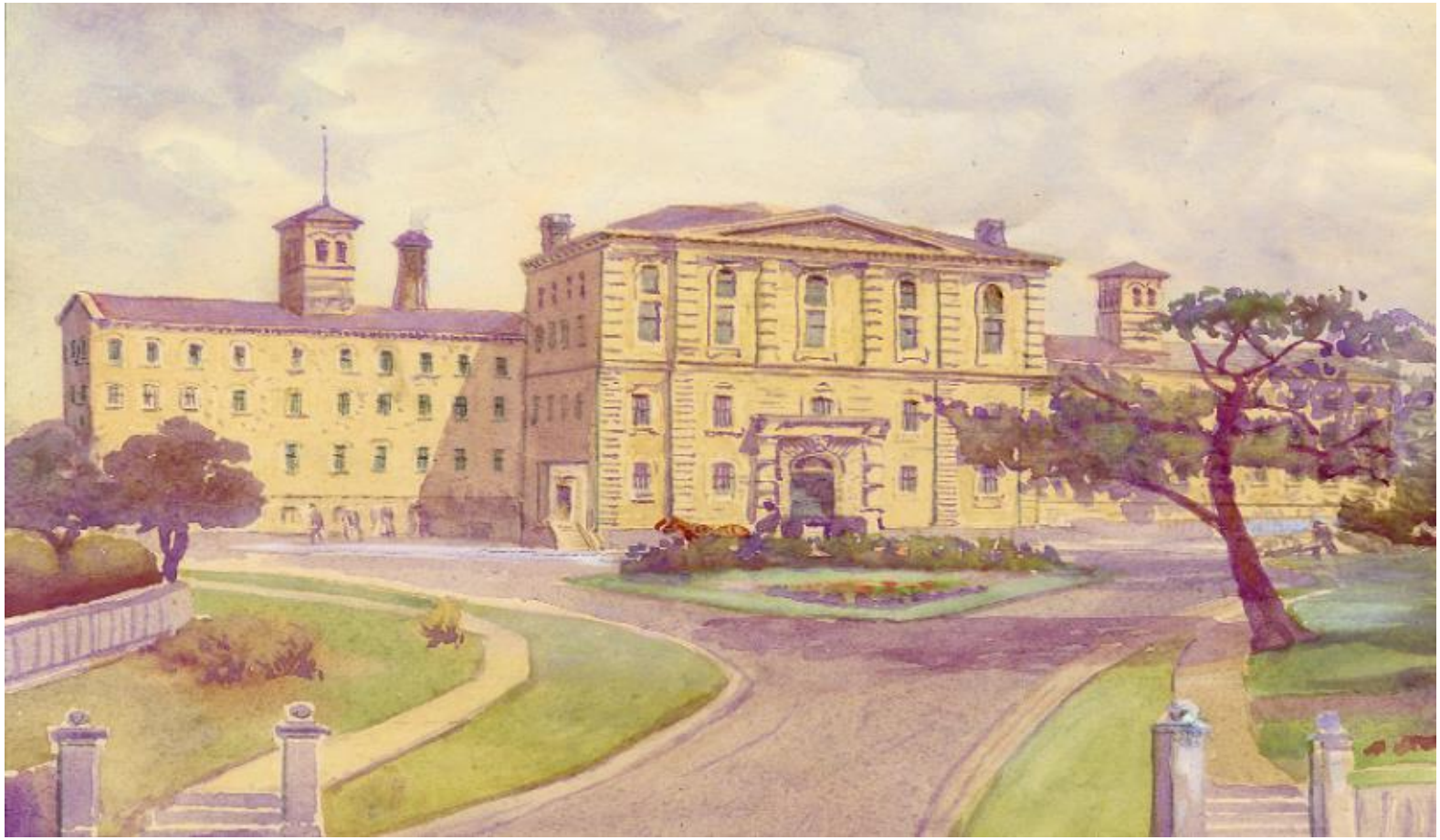
Riverdale Neighbourhood

Riverdale Area History

Early Years



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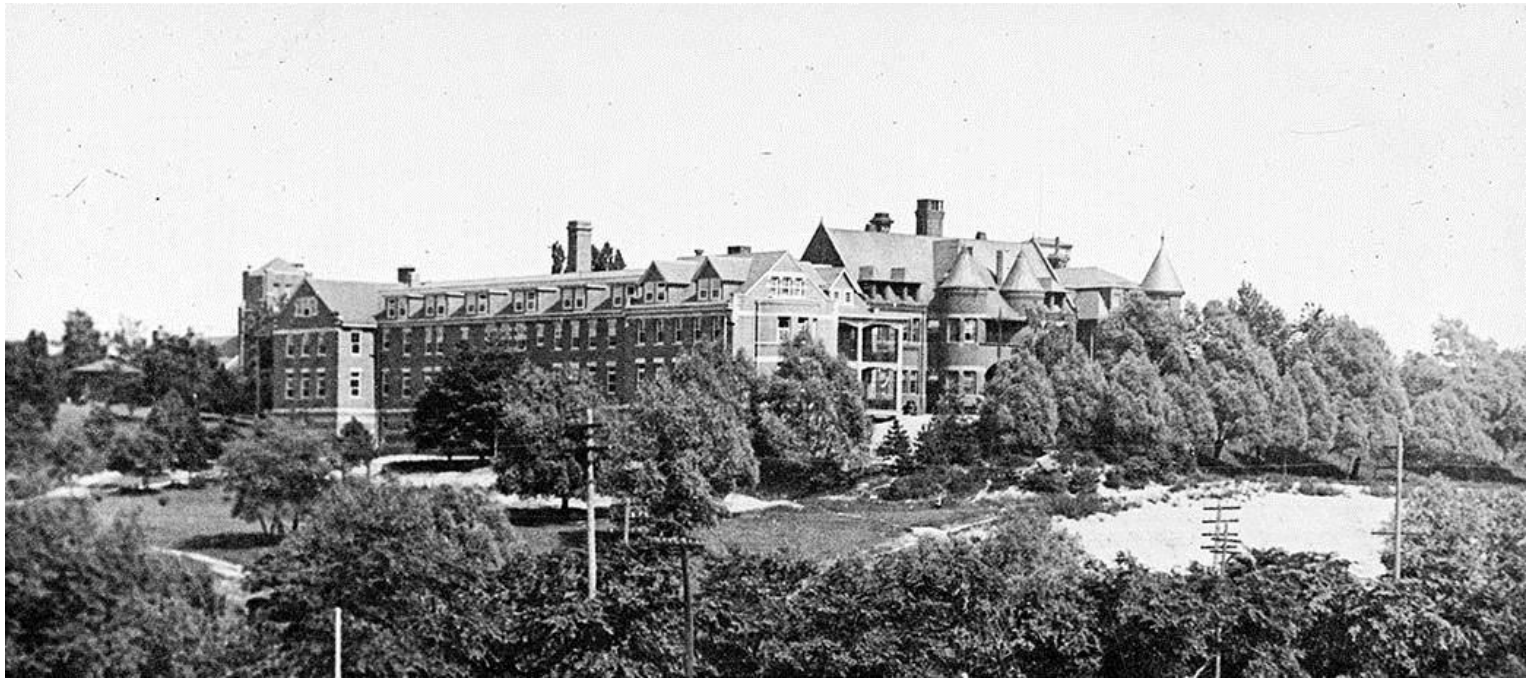
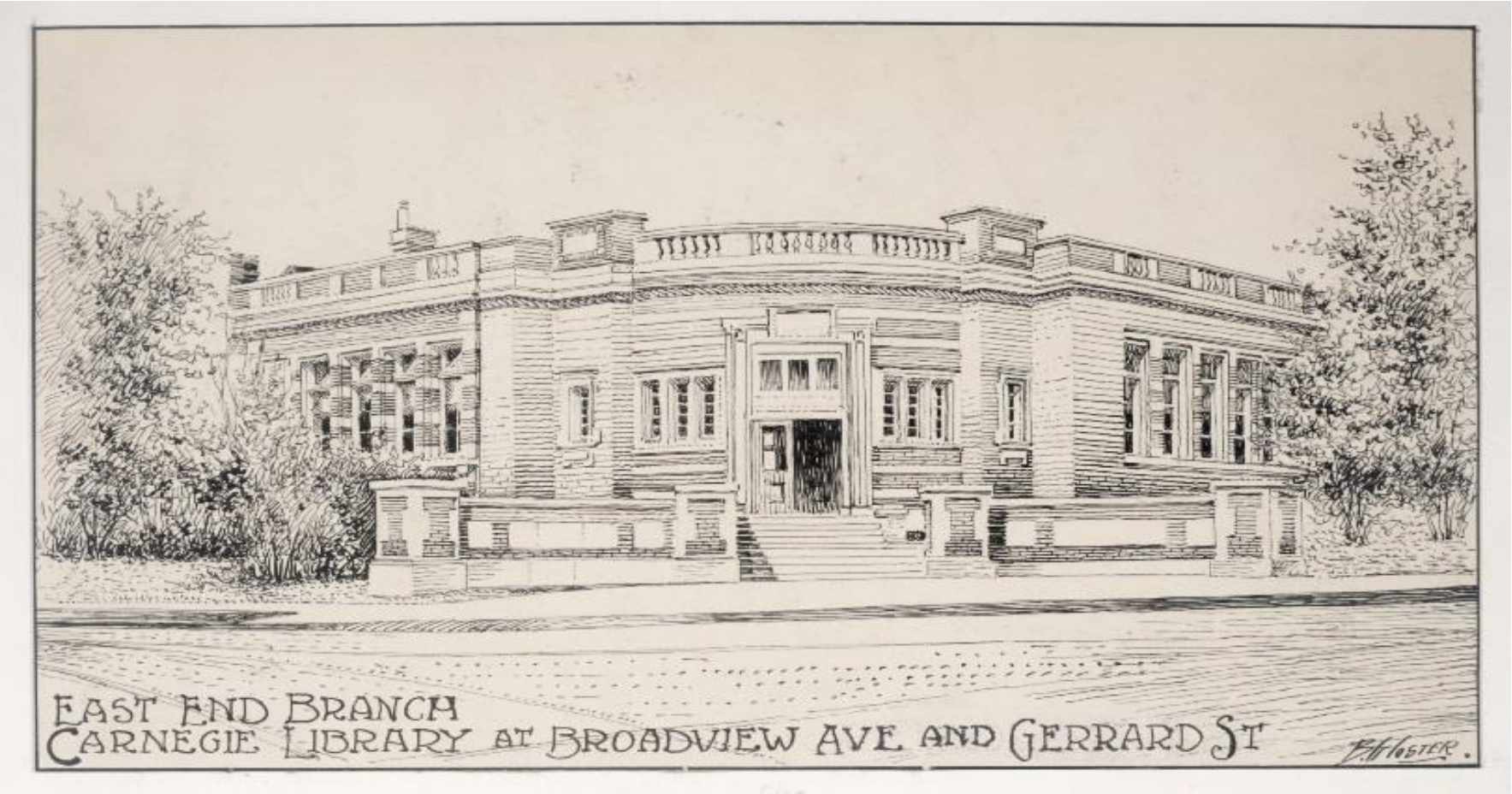


Riverdale Isolation Hospital 1917

Branch History

Carnegie Building



Pen and ink drawing of Riverdale Branch, 1910

Branch History

Carnegie Building

NEW BUILDINGS THAT MAKE TWENTIETH CENTURY TORONTO

EAST END BRANCH CARNEGIE LIBRARY AT BROADVIEW AVE. AND GERRARD ST.

The new Branch Library at Broadview avenue and Gerrard street is nearing completion, and will be opened in August. Built out of the Carnegie grant, this branch is one of the most modern and best equipped in Canada.

The building stands on the northwest corner, on what used to be the Jail Governor's garden. It is built across the corner and runs 85 feet north and south and 84 feet east and west. It is red brick, finished with Ohio sandstone, and was designed and built by the City Architect's Department.

The interior is divided into a counter room, stack room, two reading rooms, attendants' room and delivery room, and is so laid out that the attendant at the counter, facing the main entrance, commands a view of practically the whole interior.

RADIAL TYPE.

The public will enter by a tiled vestibule and will pass the counter in order to reach the stack room, which is of the radial type, adopted for the first time in Canada. This room will have ten stacks and room for two more. A sanitary drinking fountain is being placed in the main lobby. The reading rooms are to the east and south and are situated beyond low screens of plate glass.

The whole building will be lighted with special electric lamps. The total cost of the library will be $23,500, including the cost of a parapet wall of brick and Ohio stone running across the corner of the site in front of the main entrance. The Riverdale Business Men's Association will provide two seats at this wall to accommodate people waiting for cars. The Library building is of striking design and has already attracted much attention.

Branch History

Boys and Girls Room

Boys and Girls addition, about 1928

Branch History

Later Development

Chinese collection opened 1973

Branch History

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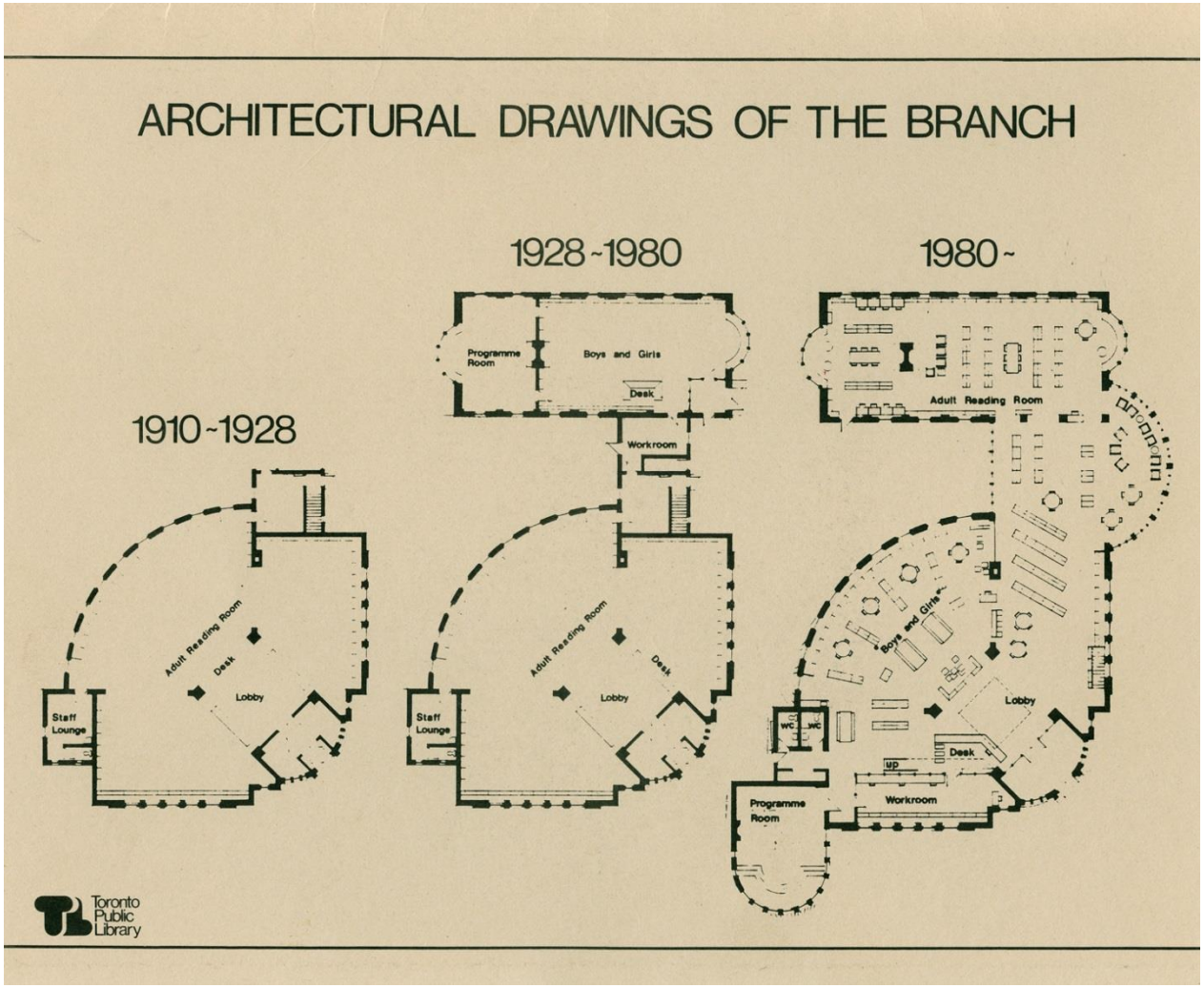

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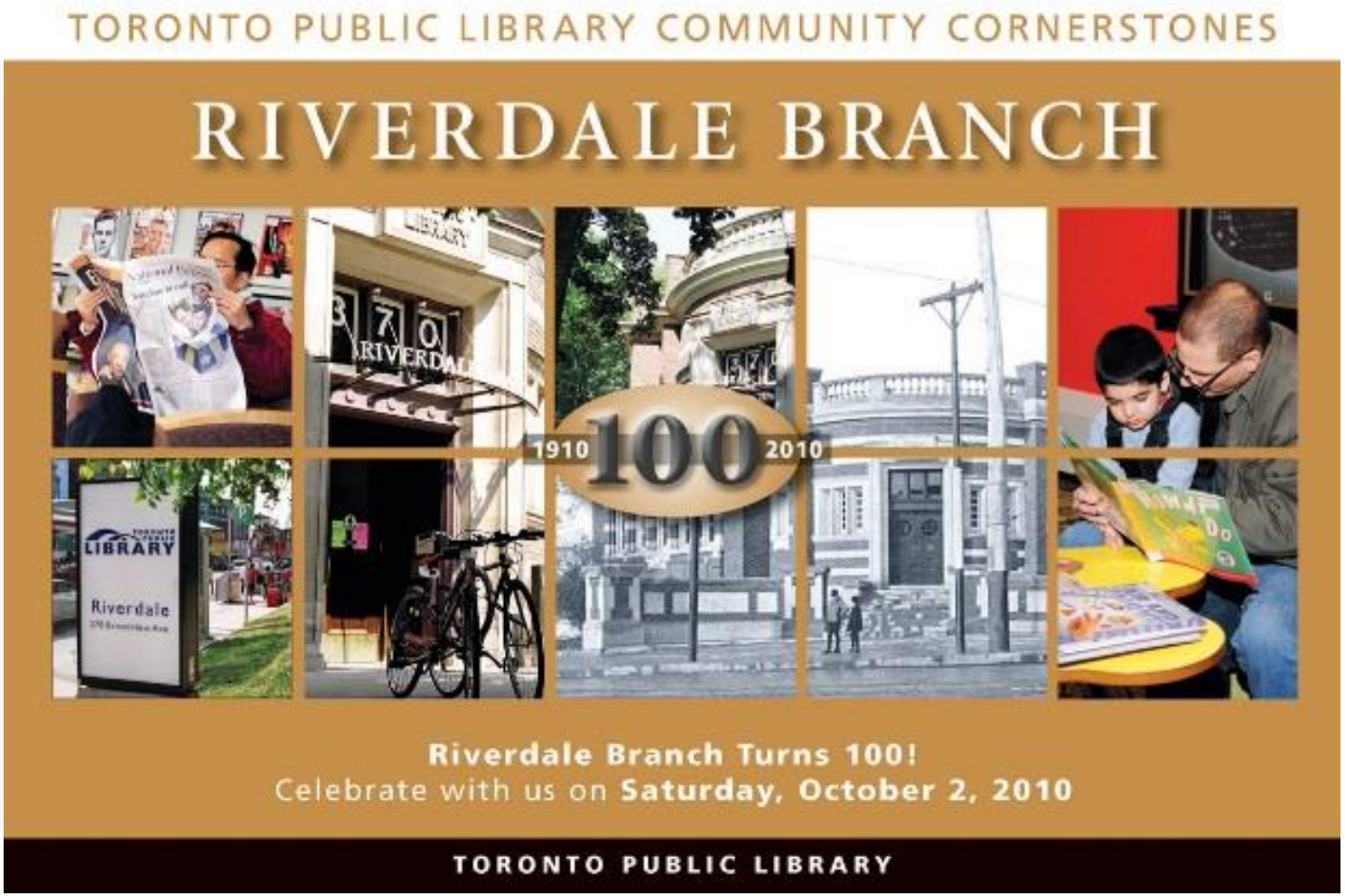
Riverdale celebrated 100 years of service on Oct. 2, 2010



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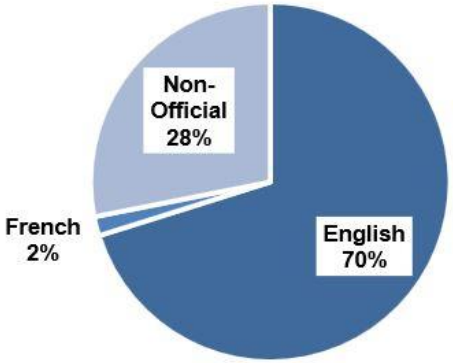
Mother Tongue (Single-Response)



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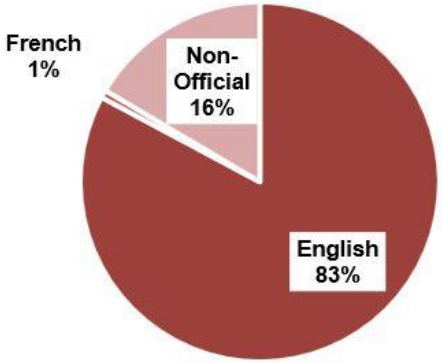

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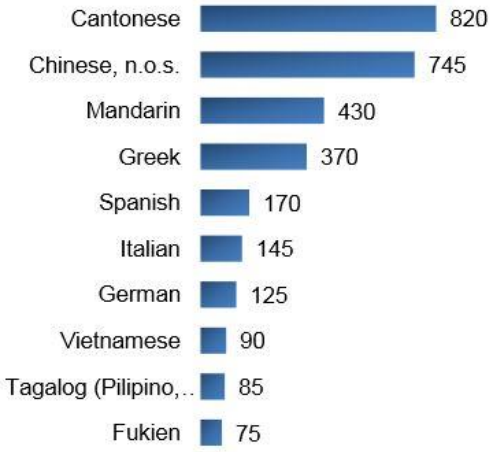

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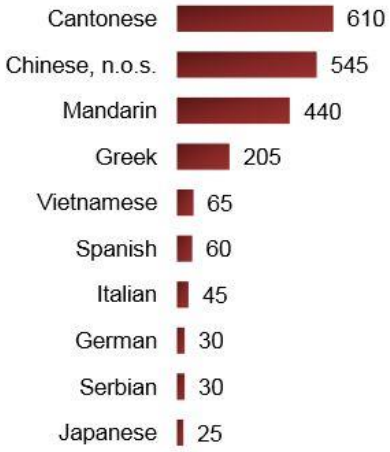
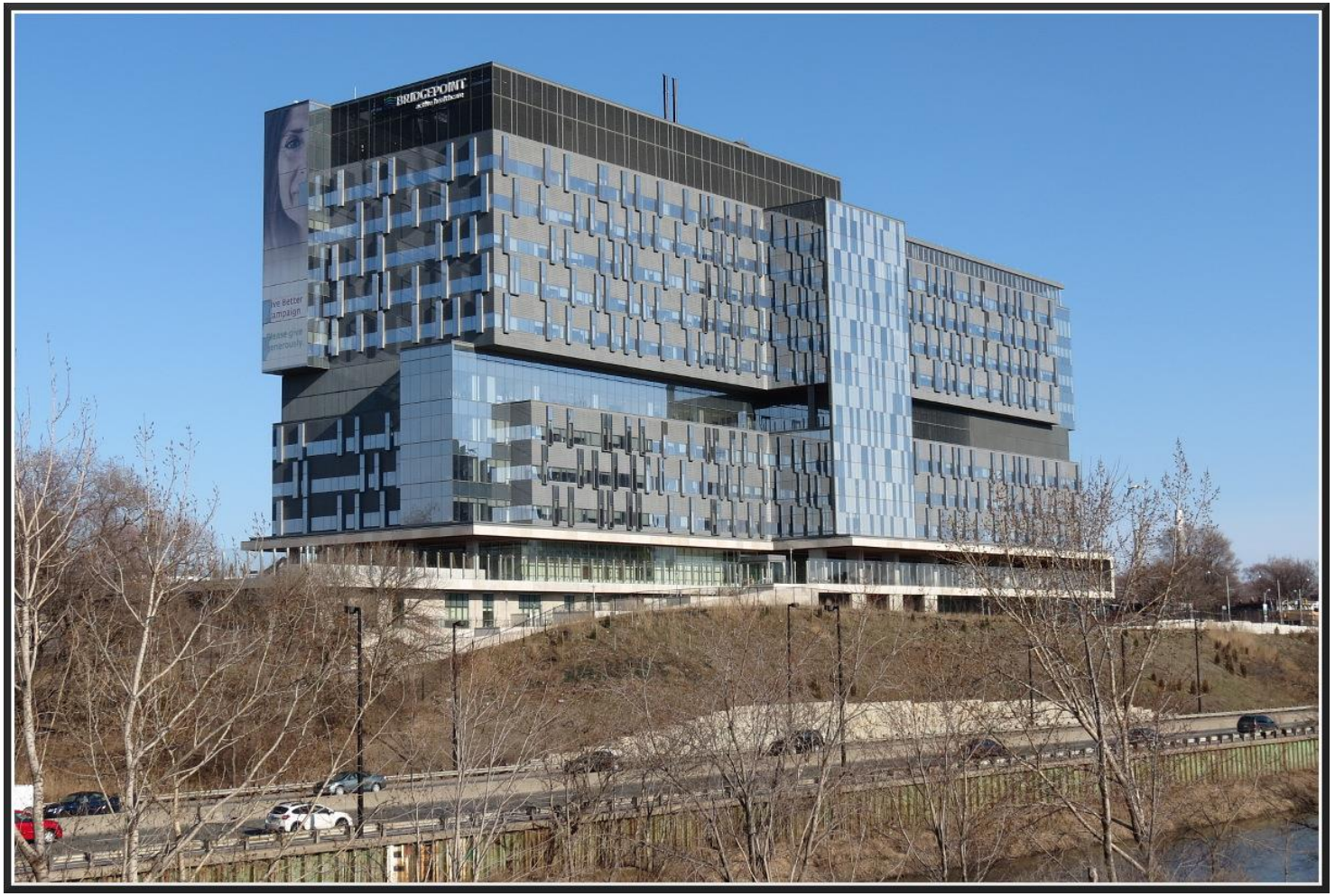


Revitalization of Area



Bridgepoint Active Healthcare campus

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Branch Activity

Riverdale circulated over 281,300 items in 2015 and over 198,700 visitors passed through its doors.

Tai Chi for Asian Heritage Month May 2015

Programs & Services

User education programs in English, Mandarin and Cantonese

Programs & Services

Author visits

March Break magic show

Community Programming

Chinese New Year 2016

Partnerships

WOODGREEN

Opportunity made here.

Toronto District School Board

Ralph Thornton Centre

多倫多東區華商會

Chinese Chamber of Commerce (East Toronto) Inc.

Moving Forward