

# Helen Elizabeth Jean Eakin Donaldson

b. Dec. 23, 1914, Imperial, SK; d. Mar. 22, 1994, Toronto, ON

## Education:

1935 BA Queen's University  
1937 Teaching Certificate, Ontario Department of Education  
1946 MLS University of Southern California  
1953 MEd Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (Toronto)  
1956 Summer course at University of London, UK)

## Positions:

1937-1938 Teacher, Regular Occasional Staff, Toronto Board of Education  
1938-1944 Teacher, Lord Dufferin Public School, Toronto  
1944-1945 Mathematics Teacher, Oakwood Collegiate, Toronto  
1946-1964 Teacher-Librarian, Oakwood Collegiate, Toronto  
1956 Teacher Exchange, England  
1964-1979 School Library Consultant, East York Board of Education

## Associations/Committees:

1979-1988 Superannuated (later Retired), Teachers of Ontario, District 24, East York and Scarborough  
Timothy Eaton Memorial Church: University Club, Pastoral Care Committee, Congregational Board  
â€“Visiting Elder  
Chair of the CSLA Technical Services Committee

## Accomplishments:

Helen Donaldson established a library as a separately furnished facility, including telephones, in every school (i.e. 25) in East York within Metropolitan Toronto and convinced administrators to build library resources, professional staff, support staff and extensive learning resources in all media. The system was a leading example for boards of Education throughout Metropolitan Toronto and Ontario. East York won the Encyclopedia Britannica Canadian School Library Award for Excellence in 1968. Helen Donaldson guided the teaching philosophy and policy for the libraries.

## Other Activities:

Memberships: OLA and CLA and their school library divisions; Thornhill Country Club  
Hobbies: Outdoor athletics, photography, travel, theatre, entertaining

## Sources:

Arn Bailey, Member and Board Member, Ex Libris Association.

Death notice: "Donaldson, Helen E. J. (nee Eakin)", Globe and Mail, March 24, 1994.

Death notice and picture with Larry Moore: "Helen Donaldson", Inside OLA, January-April 1994, No.29, p.28. Hunnisett, The Rev. Dr. Jean E., "Words of Tribute" (eulogy given at funeral in Timothy Eaton Memorial Church).

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