

Statistics leap off the page at the library

I am often surprised about how big a role numbers play in the life of a librarian. In fact, up until recently, if you wanted to study library science at the University of Toronto, you had to have taken a course in statistics before beginning the program.

During one week in November we conduct our annual survey and report all sorts of numbers to the Ontario Ministry of Culture. But even more so, we keep daily statistics on just about everything we do. Through these we gauge our success, and I am delighted to report that we are having a most successful year.

One of the things that we count is the number of books, videos, DVDs, CDs, etc. borrowed from library. This August, our members borrowed 6,298 more items from both branches than they did last



AT THE LIBRARY

Clare Hanman

August. This is an increase of approximately 25 per cent.

Our Children's and Youth Services Department has had a very successful year so far. Last year, 2,134 children participated in our summer programs. This year attendance increased by almost 60 per cent to 3,388 children.

Our Information Services Department staff also keeps a close eye on the number of people they help with reference questions. At the end of June, our staff at the

Georgetown branch had answered over 47 per cent more questions that they had by that time last year.

All of this is tremendously good news to us and means we are succeeding in serving our communities. Even so, we never claim to be perfect. If you have a comment or suggestion please let us know. You can visit us, phone us or use the AskUs link on our Web site (www.library.hhpl.on.ca).

And if you have never been to the library before, now is the best time to join. October is our Library Card Sign-Up Month and there are prizes for all children and a draw for all adults who register for their first library card before October 31.

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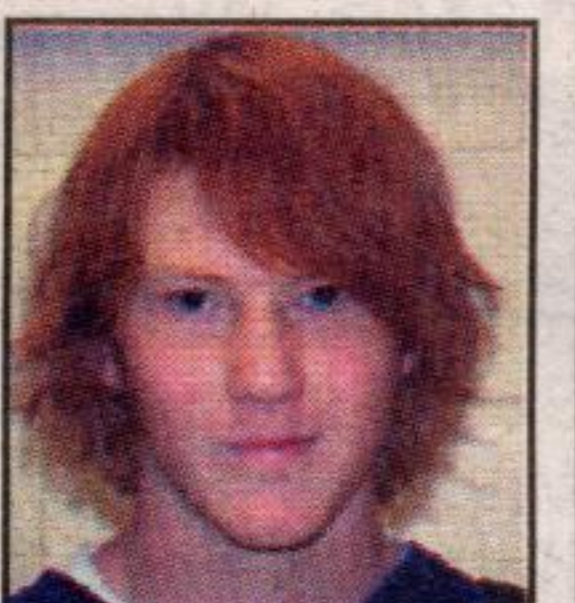
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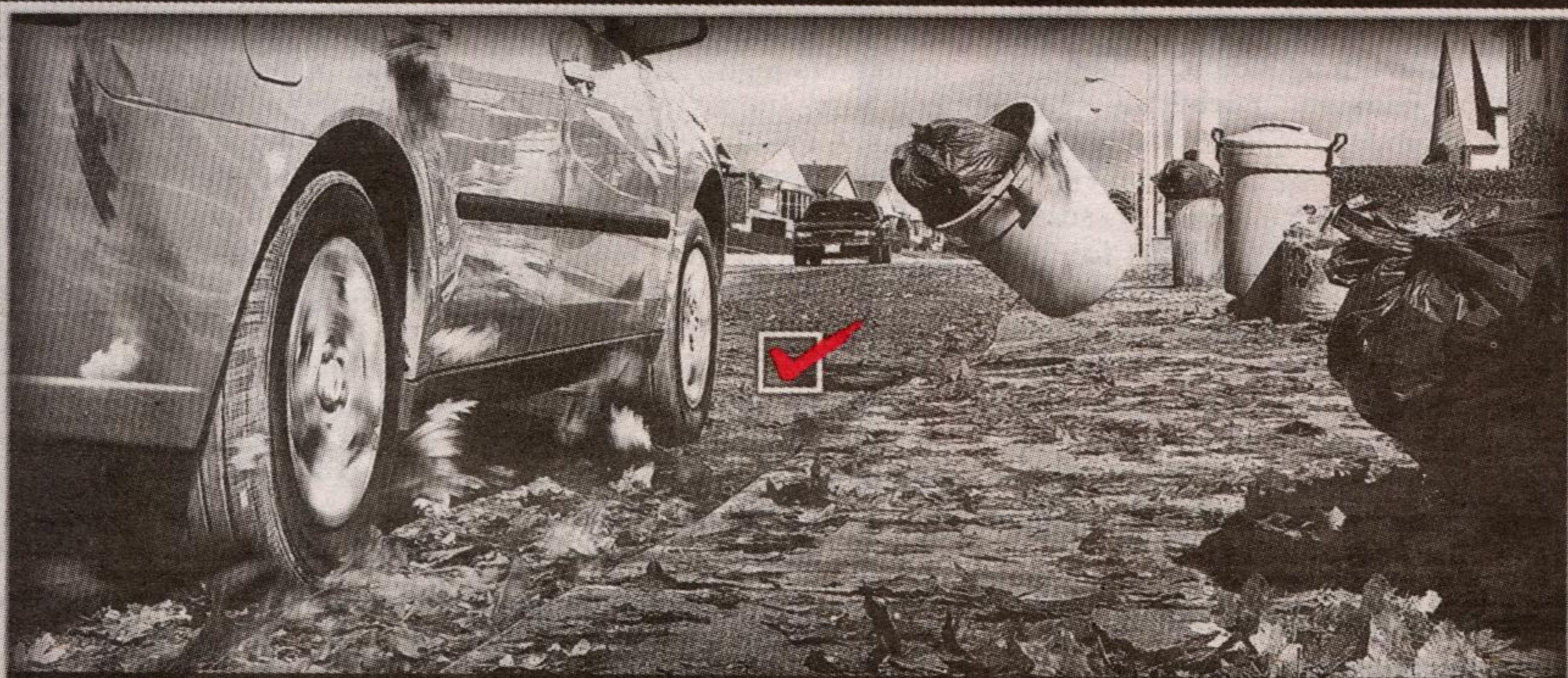


Mark Boycott

Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are John Leckie and Leah Emmerton. Leckie, a running back on the Rebels junior football team, was recognized for his six touchdowns against Christ the King, while Emmerton, the goalie of the Rebels senior girls field hockey team was selected for her strong defense at the Waterloo tournament.

Christ the King High School Athletes of the Week are Miko Uy and Zack McManus. Uy, a left inner on the Jaguars field hockey team, was chosen for her good showing against Pearson in a recent game. McManus, a defensive tackle on the Jaguars junior football team, was selected for his strong effort against GDHS.

Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Sara Doolan and Mark Boycott. Doolan, a forward on the Bearcats senior basketball team, was chosen for her 8 point game against Erin District High School. Boycott, a middle on the senior Bearcats volleyball team, was selected for his strong spiking against Mentor College.



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