Reading in Montréal

✋ **Try This:**

- **Click on** the "Related Materials" drop-down menu and **select** *Graph* – "Montréal Collective Libraries."

👁 **Notice …**

- In Montréal, all libraries before 1900 were classified as being either English or French; none were considered bilingual.
- Up until 1850, English-language libraries in Montréal outnumbered French-language ones.
- Only ten of 171 Montréal libraries up to 1900 explicitly offered borrowing ("circulating") privileges.

💡 **Consider!**

- Probably few Canadians before 1900 were capable of reading both French and English.
- The concept of "borrowing a book from the library" was virtually unknown in Montréal before 1900.