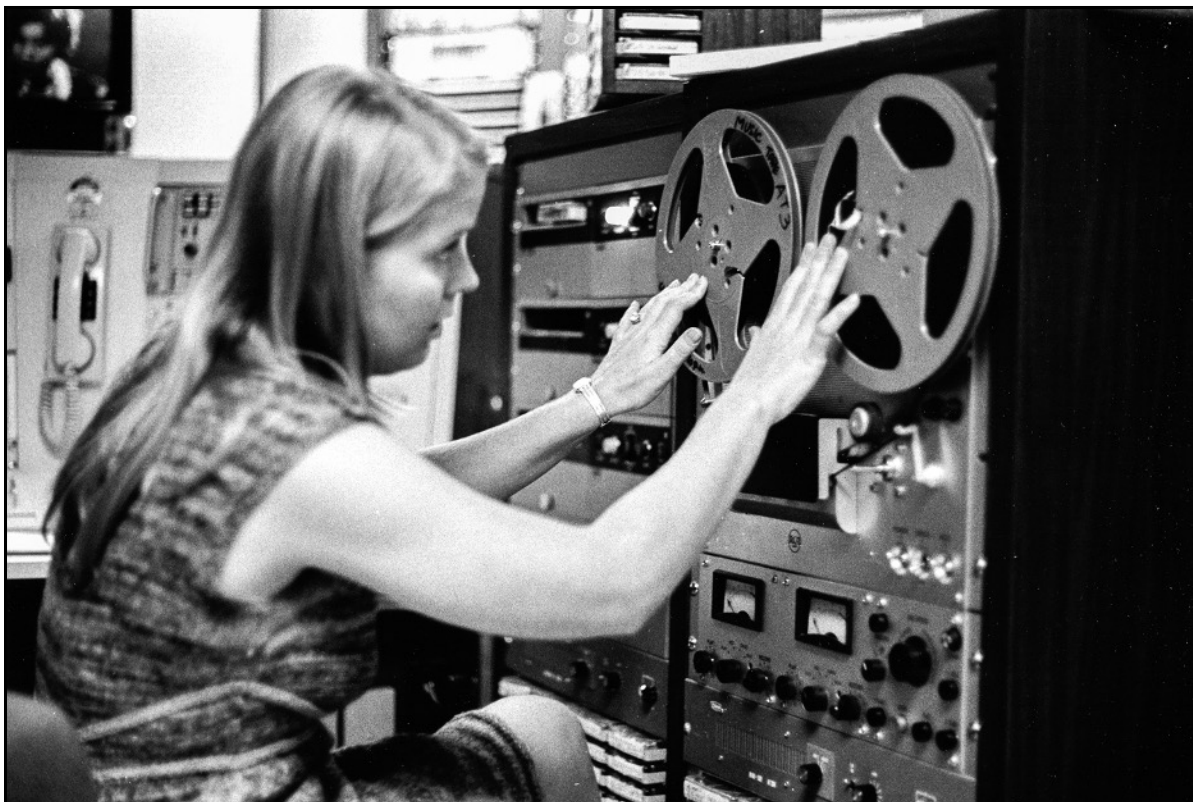


History of TVO

1970 – The Ontario Educational Communications Authority (OECA) was created in June 1970 by Education Minister Bill Davis. By September it was producing and airing educational and children's programming.



1971 – Polka Dot Door premieres. The popular children’s show invited viewers to look through the polka dot door and discover their imaginations. Polkaroo was the beloved, cheerful mascot who was always “just here – you missed him.” The show ran until 1993.



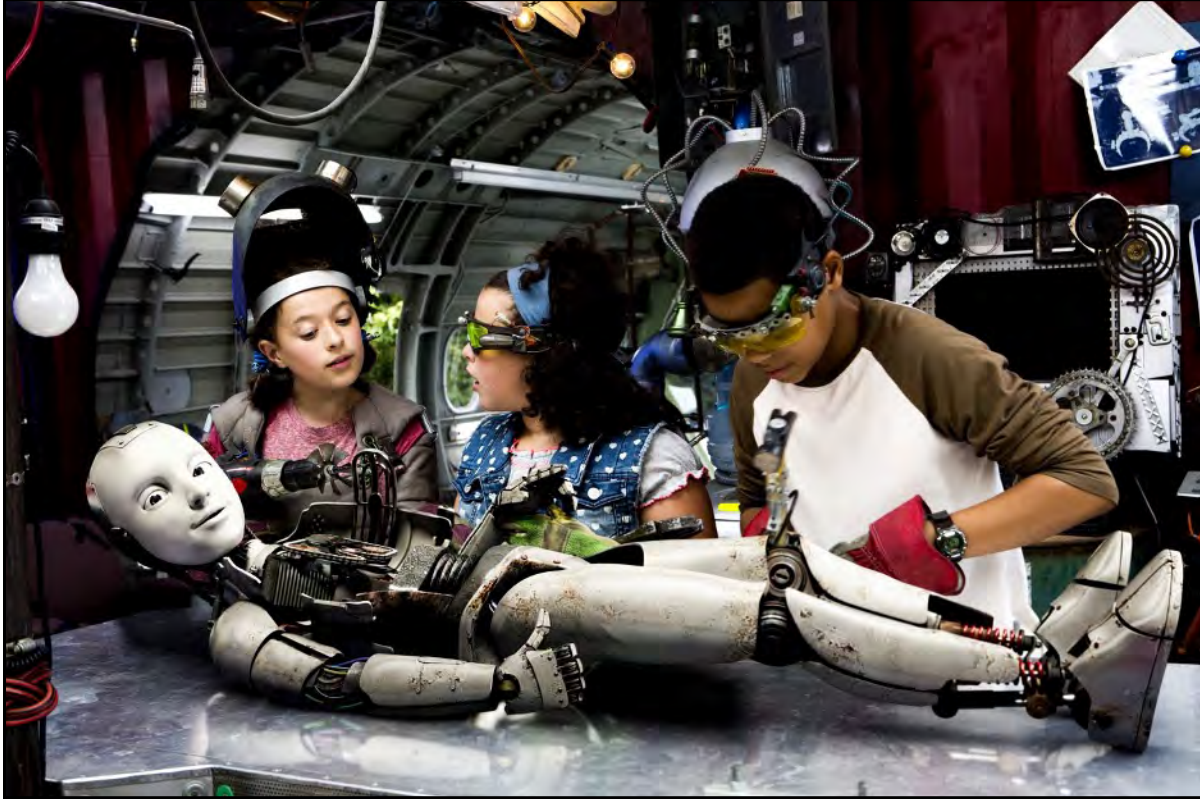
1976 – The CN Tower opened as a telecommunications tower and OECA began broadcasting from the then-tallest freestanding structure in the world.



1981 – OECA becomes TVOntario. Polkaroo and Bill Davis were both around to celebrate.



1993 – TVOkids programming begins. Original programming for kids was beginning to take over the daytime schedule. TVO now airs 13 hours a day of commercial-free, education-oriented and fun shows for young viewers.



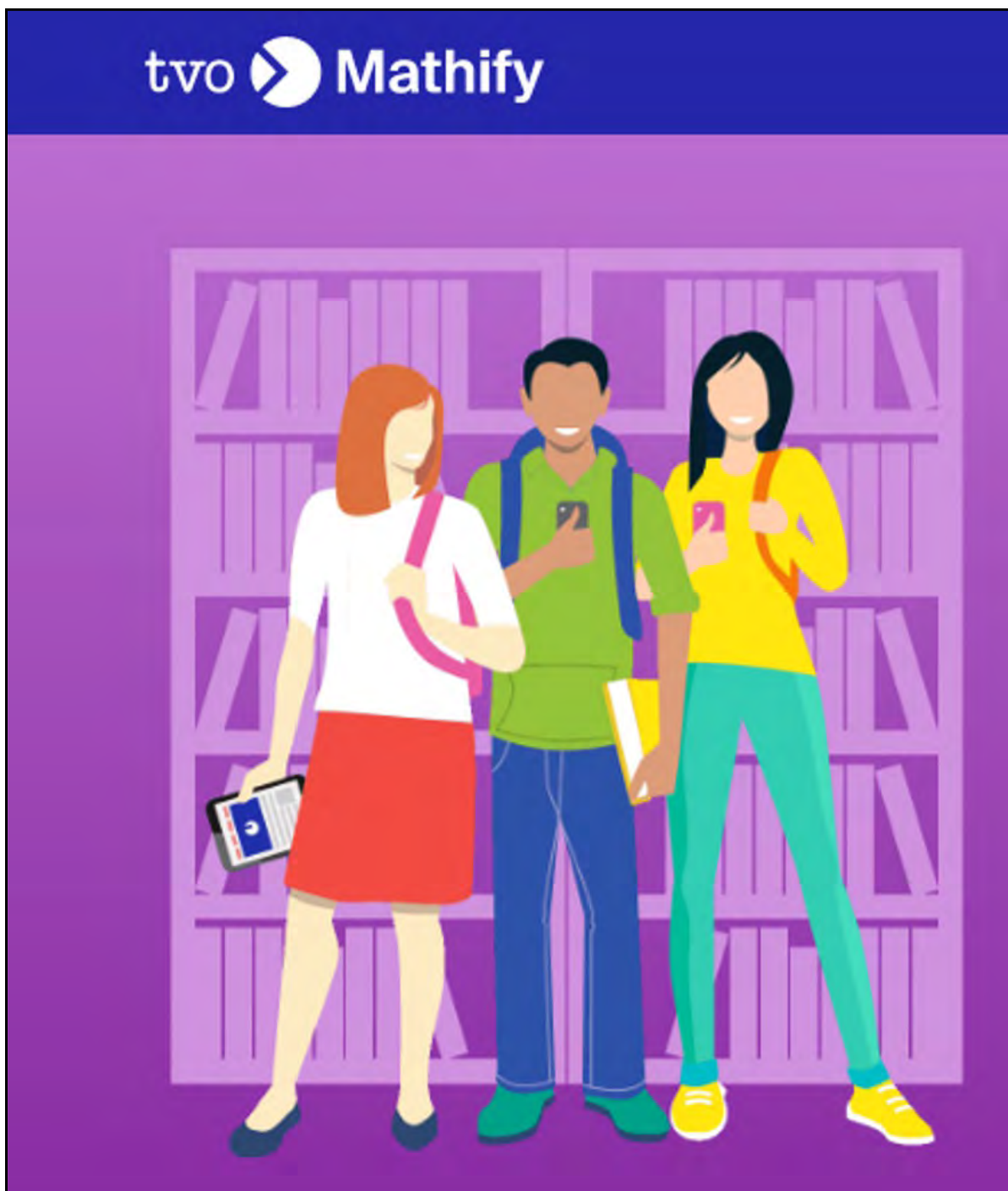
2002 – TVO takes on the Independent Learning Centre, a virtual high school where students of any age can earn high school credits on their own schedule – the largest high school in Ontario at over 10,000 students.



2006 – The Agenda with Steve Paikin launches. It is the flagship program of TVOntario, The show is highly respected for its long-form journalism. Each hour-long episode covers only one or two topics.



2009 – TVO Mathify begins. It's math learning for grades 6-10 that includes free one-on-one online after-school math tutoring with an Ontario Certified Teacher – not Polkaroo!



2020 – During Learn at Home, TVO also offered Open House – access to all of ILC's courses for Ontario high school students - along with all of TVO's other great options for learning.



2020 – TVO celebrates 50 years. And Polkaroo was there!

