

 THE
SCARBOROUGH
PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD

Annual report 1985



REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It has been an exciting year for the Scarborough Public Library Board, filled with changes from the past and planning for the future. We are operating a fairly new library system in Scarborough, one that is still growing and expanding as it struggles to service areas of the City recently built up, or older areas increasing in density. Nevertheless, the Scarborough system operates with one of the highest book circulations for the least tax dollar per capita of any of the large public library systems in Ontario. So, every year as the Board plans for new branches, and budgets for existing ones, we are conscious of the great importance of library service to our patrons.

Whether you are searching for information, for educational material, or simply browsing for light reading, we hope to serve you. We have programmes for children and adults, films and videos, on-line reference services, multilingual materials in many languages, large-print and talking-books for the disabled, and outreach services for the housebound. If you cannot find what you need in your small neighbourhood branch, ASK FOR HELP!

One of the most significant events to occur over the past year was the opening of the Taylor Memorial Branch Library in June. The Taylor Advisory Committee made up, in part, of local citizens, was a very vital part of this rebuilding, so that the ambience of the building—a domestic style library—is their own. The fireplace, the painted glass window, the courtyard, all contribute to a library that meets the expressed needs of the community while remaining functional and efficient.

Community Advisory Committees were also struck for the Port Union Neighbourhood Branch in order to investigate hours of opening; for the upcoming Eglinton/Kennedy Branch to advise the Board on design and service; and for the new, long-awaited, Northern District Library. These community Advisory Committees are not only a help to the Board, they enable the system to

respond more effectively to the needs within the community even while they broaden our visible base of support. Since we have 204,000 patrons in Scarborough and circulate 4,140,517 items, this is a broad base indeed.

In order to serve this large population of patrons, last year the system's materials budget was increased. The Board is committed to putting as many books, magazines, films, as it can into the branches for the public.

A good deal of the year in 1985 was spent in planning and organizing for the advent of a different Board as a result of the new Public Library Act enacted by the Province. The Board in 1986 will operate with four Council members, in addition to five appointed citizen members, strengthening its representation at Council, our major funding body.

Finally, much time was also spent this year planning for the new District Library north of Highway #401. Because there is no large library facility in the north of Scarborough like Cedarbrae Library in the southeast and Albert Campbell in the southwest, there is a significant lack of choice of materials in the north, fewer reference works available, half the study seats, indeed half the amount of space per capita as in the south. In the north thirteen dollars and ninety-three (\$13.93) cents is spent on library services per capita as opposed to seventeen dollars and sixteen (\$17.16) cents in the southwest and twenty dollars and twenty-eight (\$20.28) cents in the southeast. Subject to budget approval from Council, we shall begin to build a library in the north in 1986 which, in addition to the new Steeles Neighbourhood Branch, will start, at last, to equalize library service across the City.

The Scarborough Public Library Board exists, plans and budgets to serve the public: if there are any ways in which we can more effectively serve our patrons, we would be glad to hear from you.

Susan Hunt
Chairman

Scarborough Public Library Board

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

The 204,000 residents of the City of Scarborough possessing library cards made record use of the services provided by the Scarborough Public Library Board during 1985. The citizens made 2,857,980 visits to the sixteen branches, bookmobile and film section borrowing 4,140,517 items and requested answers to 851,432 questions.

The major objectives of the Board, of providing resources and increasing the use of those resources, in the areas of self-development, information dissemination, support of the cultural life of the people of Scarborough and emphasis on reading as a pleasurable experience, have been attained during 1985. The residents of Scarborough have certainly turned to the public library system for material to complement their formal and informal learning experience, as well as fulfilling their informational needs. The people who use the libraries for their general reading requirements have, quite literally, borrowed books by the millions. There has been a considerable effort to help the twenty percent of the population whose mother tongue is other than English and French, to feel comfortable when using the facilities, by introducing programmes and materials that were helpful and attractive. The demand for library materials and events in many languages continues to increase in the City. Currently materials are available in twenty-eight languages in addition to English and French. The most popular languages continue to be Chinese, Korean, Italian, German and Gujarati.

The public library's resources include: 842,399 hardcover books; 192,772 paperback books; 3,095 films, filmstrips and videotapes; 87,947 records and cassettes; 907 framed pictures; 4,750 microforms; and 1,160 toys. There are 1,027 different periodical titles purchased and the public library has reports and pamphlets from government, corporate and private

services numbering in the tens of thousands.

The libraries of the City continued to provide programmes of special and current interest tailored to the needs of the neighbourhoods they serve. More than twenty-two thousand adults attended over one thousand programmes during 1985 including Community English Language programmes, Canadian Citizenship classes, Canadian Citizenship courts, legal aid programmes, book clubs, film shows, multicultural events, lectures and special groups for women and senior citizens. Approximately sixty-six thousand children attended thirty-one hundred programmes which included book clubs, class visits, film shows, story hours and puppet shows, and over five hundred young adults attended thirty-two programmes arranged for their special interests.

The total budget for 1985 amounted to \$11,334,660 which represents a cost of twenty-five dollars and twenty-four (\$25.24) cents per resident, the average cost of a hardcover non-fiction book. The major part of the budget, 87%, comes from the Scarborough City Council, 9% comes from the Provincial Government and the remaining 4% is realized by levied charges and recoverables.

The responsibility for the management of the Scarborough Public Library system is in the hands of a nine-person Library Board, all of whom are residents of the City. All appointments are made by the Council of the City of Scarborough and include four members of the Council and recommendations for appointment from the Scarborough Board of Education and the Metropolitan Separate School Board.

Peter J. Bassnett

Director and Secretary-Treasurer
Scarborough Public Library Board

COVER — Library patrons look over a selection of books donated by the Japan Foundation's Library Support Programme.

1 — Mrs. Kate Taylor unveils a painting of the original library building at Taylor Memorial Branch Library's official opening.

2 — Musicians entertain visitors during Taylor Memorial Branch's opening day.

3 — A young patron peruses one of the many books available in the Children's section.



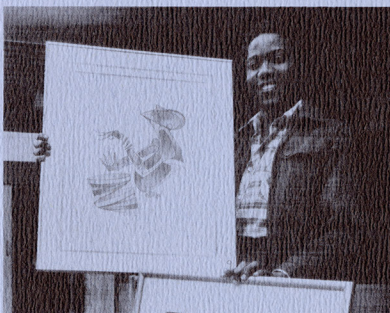
4 — Library Board Chairman Susan Hunt witnesses the ribbon cutting ceremony at Taylor Memorial Branch's official opening by young patrons assisted by Controller Bill Belfontaine and members of the Taylor Advisory Committee.



5 — Three-year-old Bryan Daniels and mother Diane enjoy playing with the puppets at one of Agincourt Branch's puppet shows.



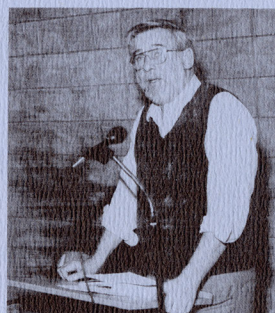
6 — Children explore the wonders of books in the Outward Bound Summer Reading Programme.



7 — Artist David Kibuuka displayed his impressive paintings of African traditions at Albert Campbell District Library.



8 — Singer Valerie Street entertains at Morningside Branch's annual Seniors' Christmas Party.



9 — Many distinguished authors have given readings at Scarborough Public Library branches including writer and broadcaster Peter Gzowski who appeared at Malvern Community Library.

BUDGET

<i>Expenditures</i>	<u>1985</u>
Administrative Support and Board Services	\$3,061,900
Public Services — <i>Special Services</i>	666,100
Public Services — <i>Southeastern District</i>	2,605,860
Public Services — <i>Southwestern District</i>	2,884,580
Public Services — <i>Northern District</i>	<u>2,116,220</u>
	<u>\$11,334,660</u>
<i>Revenue</i>	
City Grant	\$9,792,160
Provincial Grants	1,030,000
Levied Charges	180,000
Recoverables	228,000
Surplus	<u>104,500</u>
	<u>\$11,334,660</u>

STATISTICS

	<u>1985</u>
Items Borrowed	4,140,517
Questions	851,432
Programmes Held	4,209
Items in Collection	1,133,030

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD 1985

Susan Hunt,
Chairman

Karen Moloney,
Vice-Chairman

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Business Administrator

Trevor W. Houghting

Assistant Business Administrator

Susan Atkinson

Personnel Officer

SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARIES

ALBERT CAMPBELL DISTRICT BRANCH	698-1194
496 Birchmount Rd. (<i>at Danforth Rd.</i>)	
Film Services	698-1191
CEDARBRAE DISTRICT BRANCH	431-2222
545 Markham Rd. (<i>S. of Lawrence Ave. E.</i>)	
AGINCOURT BRANCH	293-7811
Agincourt Mall, Sheppard Ave. E. (<i>at Kennedy Rd.</i>)	
BENDALE BRANCH	431-9141
1515 Danforth Rd. (<i>at McCowan Rd.</i>)	
BRIDLEWOOD BRANCH	499-4284
Bridlewood Mall, Warden Ave. (<i>at Finch Ave.</i>)	
CLIFFCREST BRANCH	266-5697
Cliffcrest Plaza, Kingston Rd. (<i>at McCowan Rd.</i>)	
EGLINTON SQUARE BRANCH	755-3986
Eglinton Square Mall, Eglinton Ave. E. (<i>at Victoria Pk. Ave.</i>)	
GUILDWOOD BRANCH	266-4787
Guildwood Plaza, Guildwood Pkwy. (<i>at Livingston Rd.</i>)	
HIGHLAND CREEK BRANCH	282-7211
277 Old Kingston Rd. (<i>at Moorish Rd.</i>)	
MALVERN COMMUNITY BRANCH	284-8779
30 Sewells Rd. (<i>at Neilson Rd.</i>)	
MARYVALE BRANCH	447-5922
Parkway Plaza, Ellesmere Rd. (<i>at Victoria Pk. Ave.</i>)	
MCGREGOR PARK BRANCH	759-6757
2219 Lawrence Ave. E. (<i>at Birchmount Rd.</i>)	
MORNINGSIDE BRANCH	282-3485
Morningside Mall (<i>at Kingston Rd.</i>)	
PORT UNION BRANCH	282-7428
5450 Lawrence Ave. E. (<i>at Charlottetown Blvd.</i>)	
TAYLOR MEMORIAL BRANCH	698-3481
1440 Kingston Rd. (<i>at Warden Ave.</i>)	
WOODSIDE SQUARE BRANCH	291-9437
Woodside Square Mall, Finch Ave. (<i>at McCowan Rd.</i>)	
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE	291-1991
1076 Ellesmere Rd. (<i>at Midland Ave.</i>)	
Bookmobile Department	291-1991

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