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SCARBOROUGH  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD

Annual report 1987





## REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Once again, the past year was one of rapid growth and change for the City of Scarborough public library system. It was a year to celebrate landmarks, as well as a year of expansion. The pressure on the library system is increasingly heavy, as it is with many other services in this growing City. Both staff and patrons are to be commended for the way in which they deal daily with the problems associated with increased demand.

This year, the City of Scarborough Public Library Board celebrated twenty-five years of service from the Taylor Memorial Neighbourhood Branch Library and the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Malvern Community Branch Library; both important milestones in the development of our system. The Maryvale Neighbourhood Branch was relocated to larger premises, still within the Parkway Plaza Mall. The Steeles Neighbourhood Branch was opened to serve the residents in the growing Steeles community. A programme to provide service to the Glamorgan area was established this year. The long-awaited Kennedy/Eglinton Neighbourhood Branch is presently under construction and is expected to open to the public in the spring of 1988.

Construction of the Northern District Library continues to be the Library Board's prime objective. Scarborough's Council has approved the funds for construction; presently we are awaiting a decision on the proposed site.

The City of Scarborough Public Library Board continues to offer a variety of services and programmes to its patrons. Each year during the Christmas season, and this year was no exception, Christmas parties for seniors are held in some of our branches; Scarborough is the only library system in Metropolitan Toronto to do so. Of particular interest might be the *Summer Safari* programme which, last summer, employed eleven students who reached a total of 23,716 children. In April, the staff of the Cedarbrae District Library organized a very successful programme entitled *Local Celebrities:*

*Meet Scarborough's Authors.* Many local authors were on hand to display and talk about their work.

The Canadian Library Association last year gave an Award of Merit to the City of Scarborough Public Library Board for an imaginative promotional videocassette entitled *The Dragon's Dilemma*.

There have been several changes this year, both to the Library Board and to the staff of the Board. In the fall, we bid farewell to nine retiring employees, some of whom had served the residents of Scarborough for many years. We wish them well, and thank them for their contribution to the library system. Two Library Board members left us this fall: Chairman Susan Hunt, who has moved to Toronto, and former Controller Frank Faubert, who was elected to the Provincial Legislature. The Board will miss their leadership, wisdom and experience, and we wish them every success in the future.

Federal legislation introduced during 1987 to amend existing Acts, which may have an impact on the delivery of service to our patrons, includes Bill C-60, An Act to Amend the Copyright Act, and Bill C-54, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code. In that context, the Library Board has submitted briefs on these matters.

The Scarborough public library system continues to be one of the busiest and most cost-effective library systems in the Metropolitan Toronto area. It is gratifying to know that forty-five percent of the residents of Scarborough are active library users. As we look ahead, the Library Board will continue to offer to Scarborough residents improved library service. Budget restraints may cause us to progress more slowly than we might wish, but, such is the reality of a rapidly expanding City.

Marjorie Daw  
Chairman  
City of Scarborough  
Public Library Board

## REPORT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

During 1987, the 222,759 residents of the City of Scarborough possessing library cards made record use of the services provided by the City of Scarborough Public Library Board. The citizens made an estimated 3,332,420 visits to the seventeen branches, bookmobile and film section, borrowing 4,465,820 items and receiving 922,829 answers to questions both simple and complex. To support this activity in the branch libraries, the collection now comprises: 917,437 hardcover books; 228,464 paperback books; 5,251 16mm films and videocassettes; 106,197 records and audio cassettes; 1,013 framed pictures; 5,065 microforms; 1,407 toys; and 1,176 periodical titles. In addition, the library system has reports and pamphlets from government, corporate and private sources numbering in the tens of thousands. There is accessible on-line, hundreds of data bases located throughout North America and Europe and extensive business information, as well as access to such newspapers as the *Globe and Mail*, *Toronto Star*, *Financial Times* and the *Vancouver Sun*.

The libraries provided programmes of special and current interest tailored to the needs of the neighbourhoods they serve. More than ten thousand adults attended over six hundred programmes which included book clubs, film shows, lectures, authors' readings, presentations, and women's and senior citizens' groups. There were nearly seven hundred multicultural events attended by over sixteen thousand people, covering Community English Language Programmes, citizenship courts and cultural events. For the young adults, there were sixty-eight events arranged for their special interest and attended by approximately twelve hundred teenagers. For the younger people, over three thousand programmes were held and some sixty-seven thousand children attended story hours, book talks, puppet shows, film events, music and drama programmes and special author presentations.

The Library Board purchased multilingual materials in thirty languages and the collections rose from 51,145 items in

1986 to 56,172 in 1987. The items borrowed from these collections showed a thirty percent increase, from 284,939 to 370,430. The languages with the highest circulation were Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Italian, German, Gujarati and Greek. For the first time, materials were purchased in Tamil and Pilipino and videocassettes were added to the Greek collection. Children's programmes used multicultural themes throughout the year, including a series on Black heritage, and there were story hours in Chinese, Spanish and Urdu.

In 1987, the many new neighbourhoods attracted young families and the opportunity was taken to stimulate the appreciation of books and reading by preschool story hours, tales for two's and bedtime story hours particularly during the summer. The Library Board helped sponsor children's author Claire Mackay, who provided readings in many branches, as Writer-in-Libraries. In addition, ten authors and illustrators of children's books provided readings and programmes in the branch libraries across the City.

The total budget for 1987 amounted to \$13,534,900, which, at a cost of \$28.08 per citizen, is below the average cost of a hardcover non-fiction book. The major part of the budget, 87%, comes from the Scarborough City Council, 8% as a grant from the Provincial Government and the remaining 5% is realized by levied charges and recoverables.

The responsibility for the management of the City of Scarborough's public library system is with a nine-person Board, all of whom are residents of the City. All appointments are made by Scarborough City Council and include four members of the Council. The non-elected members of the Board are recommended by Board of Control, the Scarborough Board of Education and the Metropolitan Separate School Board.

Peter J. Bassnett  
Chief Executive Officer and  
Secretary Treasurer  
City of Scarborough  
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1—Toronto Symphony Orchestra cellist George Horvath assists young budding musician Justin George at Cedarbrae District Library's Symphony Street programme.

2—Polish-born artist Anna Ziegler shows off her creations made using a traditional Polish art form known as Wycinanki. Her exhibit was displayed at Taylor Memorial Branch Library.

3—Howard Richardson, President of the Scarborough Coin Club, holds one of the coins put on display at Albert Campbell District Library.

4—Patrons discover the children's materials at the new Steeles Branch Library.

5—Howard Busgang, host of the television talk show Switchback, is thronged with admirers at his programme held at Albert Campbell District Library.

6—Lynne Migwams presented Native tales and dance at Bendale Branch Library.

7—Rick Davis of the Toronto Tai Chi Association makes a point at a programme presented by this group at Cliffcrest Branch Library.

8—The Neil McNeil Jazz Band entertains visitors during an Ontario Public Library Week open house at Albert Campbell District Library.

9—Opening ceremonies for Steeles Branch Library were performed with the help of local school children as watched by Ann Eddie, Scarborough Library's Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Scarborough Controller Ken Morrish, Susan Hunt, Library Board Chairman and by Scarborough Alderman Scott Cavalier, Ward 11.

10—Ron Watson displays his books at the evening programme Local Celebrities: Meet Scarborough's Authors at Cedarbrae District Library.

11—Entertainer Billy Meek delights his audience at Bendale Branch Library's 19th Annual Christmas party.

12—Librarian Ken Setterington spins tales for local children at Steeles Branch Library.

**COVER**—Claire Mackay, Metro Writer-In-Libraries, gives some advice to young writers during one of her popular writing workshops.





## BUDGET

### Expenditures

	1987	1986
Administrative Support and Board Services	\$3,887,900	\$3,728,200
Public Services – Special Services	743,000	715,900
Public Services – Southeastern Division	2,940,100	2,818,000
Public Services – Southwestern Division	3,343,000	3,123,800
Public Services – Northern Division	2,620,900	2,111,200
	<u>\$13,534,900</u>	<u>\$12,497,100</u>

### Revenue

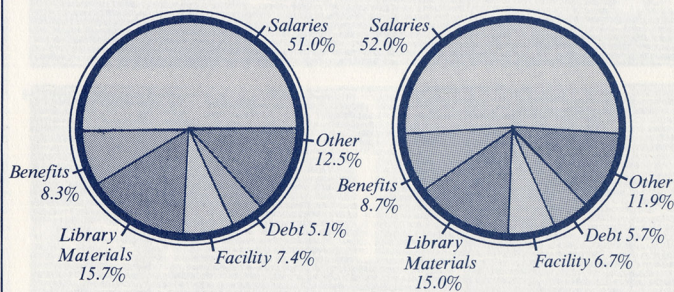
	1987	1986
City Grant	\$11,699,300	\$10,810,600
Provincial Grants	1,094,900	1,052,700
Levied Charges	208,000	190,500
Recoverables	245,000	228,000
Surplus	287,700	215,300
	<u>\$13,534,900</u>	<u>\$12,497,100</u>

## STATISTICS

	1987	1986
Items Borrowed	4,465,820	4,256,007
Questions	922,829	911,640
Programmes Held	4,441	3,921 *
Items in Collection	1,264,834	1,191,943

\* 1986 Revised

## COMPARISON OF 1987 BUDGET TO 1986 BUDGET



1987 Budget  
\$13,534,900

1986 Budget  
\$12,497,100

## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD 1987

Susan Hunt,  
*Chairman*  
(Jan. to Sept.)

Marjorie Daw,  
*Vice-Chairman*  
(Jan. to Sept.)  
*Chairman*  
(Oct. to Dec.)

Kurt Christensen, Alderman,  
*Vice-Chairman*  
(Oct. to Dec.)

Ahmed Bhalloo (Dec.)  
Frank Faubert, Controller  
(January to October)  
Richard Goldsmith  
Doug Mahood, Alderman

Jean McLaren  
Karen Moloney  
Maureen Prinsloo, Controller  
Bob Sanders, Alderman  
(November and December)

## EXECUTIVE

Peter J. Bassnett,  
*Chief Executive Officer & Secretary Treasurer*

Ann S. Eddie,  
*Deputy Chief Executive Officer*

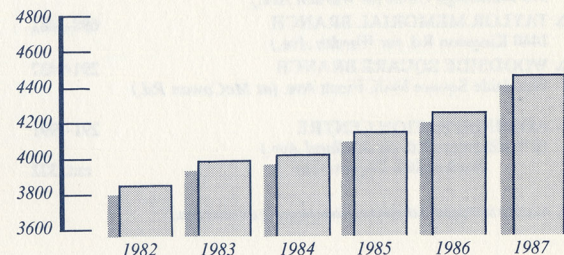
Joseph H. Ballett,  
*Comptroller*

Susan J. Atkinson,  
*Director, Personnel Services*

Trevor W. Houghting,  
*Director, Financial Services*

## CIRCULATION OF MATERIALS

CIRCULATION ('000)



More extensive reports and statistical figures are available in the Annual Review 1987 which is available for perusal at all branch libraries of the City of Scarborough Public Library Board.

# SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARIES

ALBERT CAMPBELL DISTRICT LIBRARY	698-1194
496 Birchmount Rd. ( <i>at Danforth Rd.</i> )	
Film Services	698-1191
♿ CEDARBRAE DISTRICT LIBRARY	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 Park 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 Watson St.</i> )	
♿ KENNEDY/ EGLINTON BRANCH	(opening in 1988)
2380 Eglinton Ave. E. ( <i>at Kennedy Rd.</i> )	
♿ MALVERN COMMUNITY BRANCH	284-8779
30 Sewells Rd. ( <i>east of Neilson Rd.</i> )	
♿ MARYVALE BRANCH	447-5922
Parkway Plaza, Ellesmere Rd. ( <i>at Victoria Park Ave.</i> )	
♿ MCGREGOR PARK BRANCH	759-6757
2219 Lawrence Ave. E. ( <i>east of 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> )	
♿ STEELES BRANCH	492-2665
Bamburgh Gardens Shopping Centre, 375 Bamburgh Circle ( <i>at Warden Ave.</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	ext. 322

♿ Access for handicapped, incl. elevators (where necessary) and washrooms.

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