



From the Chairman Sandy Douglas

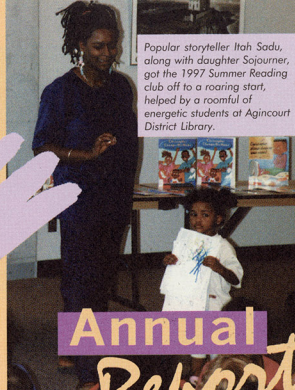
1997 was a memorable year in the history of the City of Scarborough Public Library Board as the transition process to the newly amalgamated City of Toronto began.

The Library Board and staff faced exceptional challenges as they maintained the excellent library service already in place for the Scarborough community while at the same time participating fully in the planning for the amalgamated library system.

Scarborough public libraries were involved with all aspects of the forthcoming amalgamation, from informing citizens through special information packages and displays of materials about the issues surrounding the proposed amalgamation plan, to providing ballots to residents and monitoring ballot boxes at all library locations for the City's referendum plebiscite.

1997 had already proved to be a year of considerable innovation for Scarborough libraries. In 1996 the Library Board had approved the selection of Data Research Associates, Inc. to provide a replacement for the automated bibliographic system. The Library Board gratefully acknowledges the dedicated professionalism of all staff who worked so diligently to ensure the project's success. In addition the Board would like to express sincere gratitude for the patience and understanding shown by the customers during the implementation of the new system.

After months of planning, the Board conducted its first ever, highly successful fundraising campaign **Share Your Love Of Reading**. In June, the Library Board launched "Quest for Dragons" Scarborough's Summer Reading Club with its innovative reading packages and creative programming provided by staff, went on throughout the summer to attract over 3,000 children to the joys of reading.



Popular storyteller Itah Sadu, along with daughter Sojourner, got the 1997 Summer Reading club off to a roaring start, helped by a roomful of energetic students at Agincourt District Library.

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1997

Annual Report

February has traditionally been celebrated as Heritage Month in Scarborough. One of the most popular programs during this month was an appearance by Canadian author Wayson Choy, who visited Agincourt District Library to discuss and read from his debut novel *The Jade Peony*. The book, which took an intriguing look at life in Vancouver's Chinatown, earned Choy the 1995 Trillium Book Award.



The Library Board also finalized plans for the Scarborough's twentieth branch to be located in the Burrows Hall Community Centre and Library. The new branch is scheduled to open in the Fall of 1998.

Late in 1997 the Board was pleased to launch **The People of Scarborough: A History**. This distinctive history was developed as a Bicentennial publication. In 1996, and was officially launched in December 1997. It provides a chronological overview of Scarborough's history from the period around 9000BC to the current decade. As the tenure of the Scarborough Public Library Board draws to a close, the history provides an eloquent tribute to the longstanding commitment to both multiculturalism and local history that have characterized Scarborough Library Boards over the years.

As the new Toronto Public Library continues to develop, Scarborough residents can look forward to the benefits that melding the resources and staff expertise from the former library systems will create. New initiatives are occurring in every area of library service. The Library Board is confident that the same staff dedication to service will be in place in the newly amalgamated system.



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The transition to a new amalgamated library system has provided challenges and opportunities to staff unprecedented in their library experience. Certainly 1997 has been a year like no other. Staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that the same high quality of service that the Scarborough community has always enjoyed will continue to be available to them in the new amalgamated Toronto Public Library.

The implementation of the new automated bibliographic system represents the successful culmination of hundreds of hours of staff time. The new system is user-friendly for both staff and customers. It will provide self-service options, allowing customers to check their own user files and place their own holds. The new system will also facilitate access to the World Wide Web and other library system catalogues.

The circulation of library materials decreased slightly from 1996 due primarily to the interruption in the flow of new materials as the new system was put in place. In addition, the circulation of materials in video format decreased when the borrowing period was extended from four to seven days for greater customer convenience.

Five branches in Scarborough received new microcomputers from Human Resources Development Canada. This initiative allows customers to conduct job search related activities on the Internet. The units have been extensively used in all locations and in 1997 they served as Scarborough's main access points to the Internet. In addition, public access workstations were introduced at several branch locations to provide customer access to a wide range of databases. Branches also initiated the circulation of CD-ROM products directly to the public in 1997.

To allow for more convenient return of library materials, the Library Board approved a multi-year plan which will eventually see all libraries outfitted with book drops. In 1997 the first two were installed at the Agincourt and Woodside Branches with the number of items found in the book drops daily providing a positive indication of their popularity.

In partnership with the Scarborough Health Department a resource collection on Sexual Health, Aids and Diversity was established at the Agincourt District Library to celebrate International AIDS Awareness Day in December. This partnership allowed both departments, working together to provide more extensive information to the community than would have been possible working independently.

Throughout the year prominent childrens' authors and illustrators provided special presentations at childrens' programs. These visits were organized with the cooperation and co-sponsorship of CANSCAIP, the Canada Council and the Canadian Children's Book Centre.

Steeles Branch celebrated its 10th anniversary of public library service to the community and the Malvern Community Library, marked its 15th.

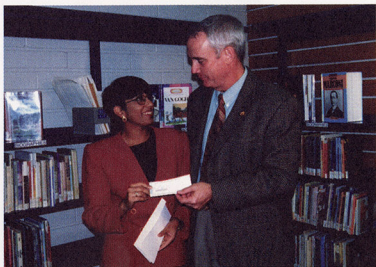
The launch this year of the Library Board's **Share Your Love Of Reading** fundraising drive not only resulted in a stream of donations from Scarborough residents but fostered many important



Library Board Vice Chair Drucilla Travnicek was on hand when Scarborough Libraries upgraded the computerized cataloguing system on November 5th. She is seen here with (left to right) Cedarbrae library worker Jyoti Duggar, along with the system's first customers Ana Aparicio, grandmother of Anna age 8 and Nichole, age 10.

partnerships in the community and was enthusiastically supported by the local media.

The prospects for enhancing services in the new amalgamated system are considerable. The staff look forward to providing even greater opportunities for the Scarborough community to enjoy excellent library service.



Scarborough Library Chairman Sandy Douglas receives a cheque from Ms. Risel Maharaj, President of the Napanima Alumni Association of Canada. This presentation took place at the official start of the *Share Your Love Of Reading* fundraising campaign, which generated thousands of dollars for Scarborough area libraries.

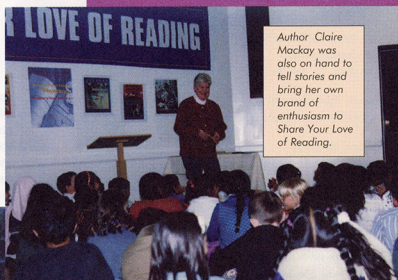


1997 was the last year of the Scarborough Public Library Board. This commemorative photo was taken in front of 'Scarboro' Centennial Memorial Library (1896 - 1961) the oldest existing library building in Scarborough. The building can still be seen on the grounds of St. Andrews Church.

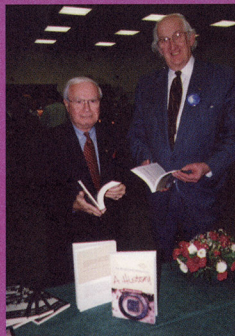
Board Members (from left to right):
Councillor Ron Moeser, Councillor Fred Johnson, Dr. Ron Chopowick, Councillor Shereene Shaw, Chairman Sandy Douglas, Anne Termaten, Robert Huisman, Vice Chair Drucilla Travnick, Councillor Ron Watson



On June 24, the Library Board introduced a new way for Scarborough residents to look for a job using the Internet. Computer workstations with full Web access were provided by Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC). Albert Campbell District Library was selected as the host site. Librarian Kate Johnson demonstrates the site to Scarborough Library Chairman Sandy Douglas and MP Thomas Wappel.



Author Claire Mackay was also on hand to tell stories and bring her own brand of enthusiasm to Share Your Love of Reading.



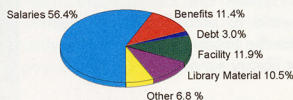
Scarborough Mayor Frank Faubert and Library Board member, Councillor Ron Watson shared some memories at the unveiling ceremony of *The People of Scarborough: A History*, which took place at Cedarbrae District Library.

Branches serving the Scarborough Community

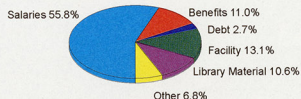
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| Agincourt District Library 155 Bonis Ave. (n. of Agincourt Mall) | 396-8943 |
| Albert Campbell District Library 496 Birchmount Rd. (at Danforth Rd.) | 396-8890 |
| Cedarbrae District Library 545 Markham Rd. (s. of Lawrence Ave. E.) | 396-8850 |
| Bendale Branch 1515 Danforth Rd. (at McCowan Rd.) | 396-8910 |
| Bridlewood Branch Bridlewood Mall 2900 Warden Ave. (at Finch Ave.) | 396-8960 |
| Burrows Hall Branch 1081 Progress Ave. (at Progress and Sheppard) | 396-8740 |
| Cliffcrest Branch Cliffcrest Plaza, 2977 Kingston Rd. (at McCowan Rd.) | 396-8916 |
| Eglinton Square Branch Eglinton Square Mall, 126 The Market Court Eglinton Ave. E. (at Victoria Park Ave.) | 396-8920 |
| Goldhawk Park Branch 295 Alton Towers Circle (at Goldhawk Park) | 396-8964 |
| Guildwood Branch Guildwood Plaza, 123 Guildwood Pkwy. (at Livingston Rd.) | 396-8872 |
| Highland Creek Branch 3550 Ellesmere Rd. (at Morrish Rd.) | 396-8876 |
| Kennedy/Eglinton Branch Liberty Square Shopping Plaza 2380 Eglinton Ave. E. (at Kennedy Rd.) | 396-8924 |
| Malvern Community Library 30 Sewells Rd. (east of Neilson Rd.) | 396-8969 |
| Maryvale Branch Parkway Plaza, 85 Ellesmere Rd. (at Victoria Pk. Ave.) | 396-8931 |
| McGregor Park Branch 2219 Lawrence Ave. E. (east of Birchmount Rd.) | 396-8935 |
| Morningside Branch Morningside Mall 255 Morningside Ave. (at Kingston Rd.) | 396-8881 |
| Port Union Branch 5450 Lawrence Ave. E. (at Charlottetown Blvd.) | 396-8885 |
| Steeles Branch Bamburgh Gardens Shopping Centre 375 Bamburgh Circle (at Warden Ave.) | 396-8975 |
| Taylor Memorial Branch 1440 Kingston Rd. (at Warden Ave.) | 396-8939 |
| Woodside Square Branch Woodside Square Mall, 1571 Sandhurst Circle Finch Ave. (at McCowan Rd.) | 396-8979 |
| Administration Centre 1076 Ellesmere Rd. (at Midland) | 396-8800 |

Budget

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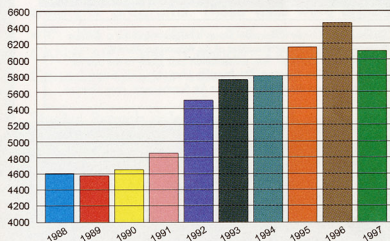


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Circulation of Materials

Circulation ('000)



Operating Budget

| | 1996 | 1997 |
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| EXPENDITURES: | | |
| Board & Administrative Services | \$ 1,826,400 | 1,782,300 |
| Bibliographic Information Systems | 2,086,100 | 1,936,800 |
| Public Services: | | |
| Service Development & Promotion | 863,000 | 630,600 |
| Southern | 8,429,000 | 8,546,400 |
| Northern | 5,684,400 | 5,700,500 |
| Capital Debt | 530,000 | 570,000 |
| Total | \$19,435,000 | 19,155,000 |
| REVENUES: | | |
| City Grant | \$17,514,000 | 17,505,000 |
| Provincial Grant | 1,050,000 | 787,000 |
| Levied Charges | 410,000 | 460,000 |
| Recoverables | 140,000 | 135,000 |
| Carry-over | 321,000 | 268,000 |
| Total | \$19,435,000 | \$19,155,000 |