

Taylor Memorial Neighbourhood Branch Library

1440 Kingston Road (at Warden Avenue) • 698-3481

TAYLOR MEMORIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

FACT SHEET

OFFICIAL OPENING DATE: JUNE 24th, 1985.

THE SITE: The building is located on a one-quarter acre site at

the northwest corner of Kingston Road and Warden Avenue in the residential area of Birch Cliff. The site

includes parking for the handicapped and staff.

BUILDING AREA: 5,000 square feet on one floor including multipurpose

room of 540 square feet.

CAPACITY: 35,000 volumes.

COST: \$555,000.00, excluding furnishings.

ARCHITECT: a.m. ingleson associates, architects, site planners.

CONTRACTOR: Tasis Construction Limited.

THE DESIGN: The building design has been a direct response to the

stated needs and desires of the people in the community for larger library facilities reflecting the architectural qualities and traditions of the old Taylor (residential)

Library.

The new building blends with its neighbours, is domestic in scale, is a new focal point in the community and hopefully will encourage future development and

upgrading.

The internal layout on one floor level provides a large open space containing the adult, teen and children's areas, along with an enclosed multipurpose room and staff quarters which open onto outdoor covered patio and garden areas. This arrangement provides ease of access for all, but especially the elderly and handicapped, as well as ease of staff operations. The individual areas are spacious and inviting but still provide for intimate reading and storytelling areas around the fireplace and the bay windows.

Many of the requested features of the old building, such as the existing painted glass window and wainscott panelling, have been incorporated into this building. Sound technical and construction standards with energy conservation features are an integral part of the design.

EXTERIOR MATERIALS: Red brick with buff brick accents, aluminum double-glazed windows, and concrete tile roof.

INTERIOR MATERIALS: Gypsum board walls, incorporating wood wainscotting,

carpet and patterned ceramic tile floor coverings, acoustical plaster and gypsum board ceilings, plastic

laminate millwork.

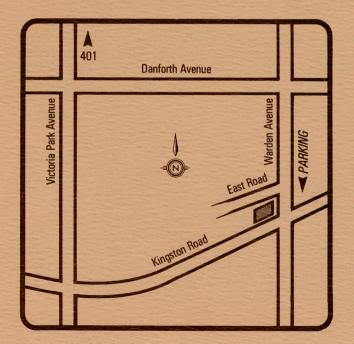
SPECIAL:

Brick fireplace, bow and corner bay windows, fan light window at vaulted entry, preserved original painted glass window, vaulted and cathedral ceilings incorporating indirect lighting, retained iron fence and mature trees,

heat pumps, double-glazing R30 and R20 walls.

BRANCH HISTORY

Library service to the Birch Cliff and Oakridge communities began in 1962 when Mr. Fred Taylor donated his home at the corner of Warden Avenue and Kingston Road to the citizens of Scarborough, to be used as a public library in memory of his wife, Florence. Over the years, Mrs. Kate Taylor, the second wife of Mr. Taylor, continued to take an active interest in the library and has been a generous benefactor.



The Taylor home had always been a focal point for the community and the library continued this role with friendly, personalized service to patrons. The home is commemorated by a Nikita Marner watercolour hung over the fireplace in the new building.

SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

OFFICIAL OPENING

TAYLOR MEMORIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

MONDAY, JUNE 24TH, 1985.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

BIRCHCLIFF STRING QUARTET (JACK HAMMOND, GORDON HALE, MICHAEL KAUFMAN, ALAN BLAIR) PERFORM IN ADULT READING 7:30 P.M. OUNGE .

OFFICIAL TOWN CRIER FOR THE CITY OF SCARBOROUGH FRANK KNIGHT ANNOUNCES THE OPENING AND PRECEDES DIGNITARIES TO THE PODIUM.

8:00 P.M. OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

Peter Bassnett, Director, Scarborough Public Library Board Susan Hunt, Chairman, Scarborough Public Library Board Mayor Gus Harris, City of Scarborough Alderman Bill Belfontaine, City of Scarborough Greetings from Barbara Fava, Trustee, Scarborough Board of Education Greetings from Paul Duggan, Trustee, Metropolitan Separate School Board Rob Gordon and Stephanie Ford, Co-Chairman, Taylor Advisory Committee

Unveiling of the Nikita Marner watercolour, "Taylor Memorial Library" - Mrs. Kate Taylor

Dedication - Miss Betty McColgan, former Minister,
Birchcliff United Church and
Reverend Paul Irwin, present Minister,
Birchcliff United Church

RIBBON CUTTING BY LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN

Punch and Judy Puppet Show Eva Martin, Co-ordinator of Services for Children and Young Adults, Scarborough Public Library Board 8:30 P.M.

MOLLIE MACGREGOR'S HIGHLAND DANCERS PERFORM IN THE 8:45 P.M. LIBRARY FOYER

REFRESHMENTS ... COMMUNITY ART EXHIBIT ... SCHOOL ART DISPLAY