

Shelf life

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Toronto author/illustrator Barbara Reid created this year's *Summer Sleuth* TD Summer Reading Club poster.

Summer fun at the library

The TD Summer Reading Club encourages children to read widely, find new authors and, above all, have fun. Through a variety of free events, storytelling presentations and a fun activity package, the club promotes reading as a great pastime.

All kids have to do to get started is go to their local library, ask for the TD Summer Reading Club poster and logbook, and start reading! Each book read earns a sticker for the poster and the logbook is full of puzzles and games to keep kids busy all summer. The program is expected to draw about 150,000 children province-wide.

"The varied children's collections and programs ensure that there is something for every child at their local library," says City Librarian Josephine Bryant. "And the best thing is that every child will want to pay us a visit, read as many books as they can, and above all join in the fun."

The library gratefully acknowledges the TD Bank Financial Group for its continuing support.

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More summer fun

Popular Canadian authors, illustrators and storytellers will visit libraries across Toronto. (See Upcoming Events, p. 4)

The **Leading to Reading** program helps children in Grades 2 to 6 improve their reading skills through games and reading related activities. It's available in 15 library branches.

The **English Can Be Fun** program helps newcomer children between the ages of 9 and 12 improve their English skills. Expanded from 12 to 18 library branches, the program will be offered twice a week in August.

Young and old alike will enjoy the art-work from some of the best children's books in a cool environment. *The Art of the Illustrator* exhibit will include the works of Canadian book illustrators who will visit the Toronto Reference Library between June 13 and July 21.

For more information and registration details, the public can pick up a copy of **What's On**, the library's program guide, available in 98 library locations, call Answerline 416-393-7131, or check the library's website www.tpl.toronto.on.ca.



"Eatonville is the latest in a lengthy list of the city's most advanced library designs produced over the last century," writes columnist Lisa Rochon in a May 23 *Globe And Mail* feature.

Eatonville reopens

Patrons of the Eatonville Branch will be delighted to find their library open again in a new building in the heart of Etobicoke. The new library, which is now wheel-chair accessible, will open June 4. It will offer 16 computer terminals, a community room that can be booked by the public outside library hours, and an external drop box. Starting in September, Eatonville will be open on Sundays from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.

"Our patrons are looking forward to the reopening of our local library," says Councillor Peter Milczyn, "this exciting new building is going to be a welcome addition to the community."



New to Special Collections

A previously unknown version of the *Upper Canada Almanack* for the year 1837 depicts "The Tree of Abuse". Published just before the Upper Canada Rebellion, the drawing reflects the growing discontent and political unrest in the province. The same almanac was also issued with a much less inflammatory cartoon, showing the unsuccessful radicals with empty pockets. The Baldwin Room, on the fourth floor of the Toronto Reference Library, has the only recorded copies of both editions.

Support to Newcomers

Settlement workers will use 15 library branches across the city to meet with new immigrant families and individuals and provide them with information about English classes, job search, legal advice, citizenship and immigration from July 3 to August 24. The program, **Settlement and Education Partnerships in Toronto (SEPT)** provides free, in-person assistance in many languages.

Funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, it's a cooperative effort between the immigrant settlement services, Toronto Board of Education and Toronto Public Library.

Details about this program, are included in the summer issue of *What's On*, Toronto Public Library's program guide available mid-June at all 98 library locations.

Fundraising goes the distance

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Toronto and the Friends of the Toronto Public Library, South Chapter, the library has a new van to deliver library materials to about a third of the 2,200 Home Library Service patrons.

To continue the support of the Home Library Service, library staff and their family and friends will participate in the 10th Annual Nissan Challenge, a "fun run" on June 10.



Pictured (l to r) City Librarian Josephine Bryant, Library Board Chair Rick Goldsmith, Councillor Jane Pitfield, East Region Director Vickery Bowles and Architect Gene Kinoshita at Leaside's groundbreaking ceremony on April 30.

Reconstruction of Leaside

During reconstruction of the Leaside Branch, patrons can borrow library materials and use the public computer at the small temporary location in the nearby Trace Manes Community Centre at 110 Rumsey Road. Leaside will open in the spring of 2002.

Canadian wins richest literary prize

Writer Alistair MacLeod has won the International IMPAC DUBLIN Literary Award worth 100,000 Irish pounds for his book *No Great Mischief*. Libraries submit nominations from around the world, and the award is open to books written in any language.

Staff at the Toronto Public Library nominated MacLeod's novel because it's a favorite with both library staff and the public. There are currently 159 copies of the book in the library's collection and more than 350 people on the reserve list waiting to read it. This reflects the popularity of the book and the well-deserved international recognition.

The award is a joint initiative of Dublin Corporation, the Municipal Government of Dublin City, and the productivity improvement company, IMPAC.



Book Ends volunteers, Eva Halasz (left) with Susan Layton and a bookstore customer.

Successful bookstore extends hours

Book Ends South, a bookstore for withdrawn library materials run by The Friends of the Toronto Public Library, South Chapter, opened on April 26 on the main floor of the Toronto Reference Library. Having raised \$800 during its first week of operation, the new bookstore is now adding Fridays to its hours of service, (see hours below).

The library sells about 200,000 books a year, and gives away several thousand more. These sales raise about \$180,000 annually for the library and support reading programs for children, adult literacy and new book purchases.

Book Ends South, and its sister store, Book Ends, at the North York Central Library, have a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books including many new books donated by library users.

Book Ends (South)

Hours of service:

Thursdays 12-8:00 p.m.

Fridays 12-5:00 p.m. (new)

Saturdays 12-5:00 p.m.

Book Ends (North)

Hours of service:

Thursdays, Fridays

and Saturdays

10 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Bathers at Sunnyside Beach, Toronto, c. 1924. This photograph is one of the more than 50,000 original photographs, paintings, and prints in the Canadian Historical Picture Collection in the Toronto Reference Library, Special Collections.

Digital images of Canada

Canada's National Library now offers on-line access to over 65,000 digital images of Canadian events, people, and places with its *Images Canada* project at <http://www.imagescanada.ca>.

Toronto Public Library is one of five organizations that contributed to the digital collections, with 5,500 pictorial images. Other partners are the National Library of Canada, Glenbow Library and Archives, National Science and Technology Museum, and the Geological Survey of Canada.

Plans are under way for an official launch on Canada Day.



Fast Facts

In the year 2000:

- 7.7 million children's items circulated, 30% of the library's total circulation
- 508,000 pages viewed on the Kid's Space website, that's almost 1,700 books read in cyberspace
- 230,000 children had a library card, two out of three Toronto kids
- 45,000 kids registered in the TD Summer Reading Club, a ratio of 460 children per library branch

Library Board **Highlights**

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board

Gillian Mason was elected Chair of the Library Board and Richard Goldsmith was elected Vice-Chair. Both positions were by acclamation.

Toronto Public Library Foundation – Update and 2001 Business Plan

Mr. Richard Boxer of the Toronto Public Library Foundation gave a status report on the Foundation's progress and targets for the future. The Board expressed its appreciation to Mr. Richard Boxer for his work with the Toronto Public Library Foundation Board.

Toronto Public Library's Annual Performance Measures

Elizabeth Glass, Manager, Planning & Development Department, made a presentation to the Board regarding the Toronto Public Library's Annual Performance Measures 2000.

Kids @ Computers Scholarship Pilot Project

Information was provided to the Board on this innovative scholarship pilot project. Kids @ Computers is designed to recognize and reward the achievements of children in low income families and provide them with computers, educational software and the Internet in their homes. Training will be provided by library staff at user education centres in 8 libraries.

Bayview Neighbourhood Branch Library – Alternative Location

The Board was advised of discussions with City of Toronto staff and the local Councillor regarding the possible future relocation of the Bayview Neighbourhood Branch.

2001 Operating Budget – Status Report

The Toronto Public Library Board adopted the 2001 Operating Budget as approved by City of Toronto Council which reflects gross expenditures of \$122.763 million and revenues of \$12.498 million resulting in a net budget of \$110.265 million.

2001 Capital Budget

The Toronto Public Library Board adopted the 2001 Capital Budget of \$12.025 million gross and \$11.325 million net as approved by City of Toronto Council.

Lease Extension Agreement – Morningside Neighbourhood Branch Library

The Board approved the lease extension for the Morningside Neighbourhood Branch.

Occupational Health & Safety Policy

The Board adopted the Occupational Health and Safety Policy and that the Policy replace the previous Health and Safety policies of the former Boards of East York, Etobicoke, Metropolitan Toronto, North York, Scarborough, Toronto and York.

New TPL Logo

The Board reviewed and approved the logo selected by the Creative Committee as the Toronto Public Library's official new logo and directed staff to bring forward a detailed strategy on a visual identity launch and implementation, including application guidelines, at a future Board meeting.

Vacation Policy

The Board adopted the Vacation Policy for non-union employees with an implementation date retroactive to January 1, 2001. The policy will replace the previous policies for non-union employees of the former Boards of East York, Etobicoke, Metropolitan Toronto, North York, Scarborough, Toronto and York.

Toronto Public Library Celebrates Reading Award

The creation of an annual Toronto Public Library Celebrates Reading award was approved and will recognize the contributions made to the enjoyment of reading for the people of Toronto.

Next meeting:

Monday, June 25, 2001

Calendar of Events: June, 2001

Eatonville Branch reopens

June 4, 10:00 a.m.
430 Burnhamthorpe Rd

TD Summer Reading Club 2001 Meet author/illustrator Barbara Reid

June 5, 9:30 a.m.
Toronto Reference Library
789 Yonge St

Author Series 2001 Evening of crime fiction: Giles Blunt, William Dverell and Mary Jane Maffini

June 7, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto Reference Library
789 Yonge St

Mr. Christie Book Award Meet the nominees and winner

June 13, 10:00 a.m.
Lillian H. Smith Branch
239 College St

Gay Pride Week

Meet authors Marnie Woodrow and Allan Stratton
June 13, 6:30 p.m.
Yorkville Branch
22 Yorkville Ave

Exhibit: *The Art of the Illustrator*: Original art from contemporary Canadian children's book illustrators

June 13-July 21
Canada Trust Gallery
Toronto Reference Library
789 Yonge St

Reading and Discussion on Emma Goldman Hosted by Theresa Morita and Albert Moritz with Special Guest Judy Rebick

June 14, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto Reference Library
789 Yonge St

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The Toronto Public Library Board meets monthly from September through June at the Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street. Meetings are open to the public. The Library Board includes eight citizen members and seven City Councillors.