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Author Paulette Bourgeois (left), *Franklin* the Turtle and illustrator Brenda Clark.

Franklin creators win library's 1st award

Author Paulette Bourgeois and illustrator Brenda Clark won the first **Toronto Public Library Celebrates Reading Award** at *A Novel Afternoon* on Sunday, October 14. The event attracted some of Canada's leading children's authors to the Barbara Frum Atrium, CBC Broadcasting Centre, 250 Front Street, West.

Organized by the Toronto Public Library Foundation, the special gala raised \$55,000 to benefit the library's children's literacy and literature programs and the Osborne Collection of Early Children's Books at Toronto Public Library.

Toronto Public Library's annual award recognizes individuals, organizations, or corporations who have made an outstanding contribution to the enjoyment of reading.

Tracking *Footprints of the Hound*

Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts flocked to the official opening of the *Footprints of the Hound* exhibit on Friday, October 19 in the Canada Trust Gallery at the Toronto Reference Library. The exhibit features pages from Arthur Conan Doyle's original manuscript of *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, as well as a striking display of rare magazines, posters, illustrations, advertisements and family photographs.

On until December 2, this tribute to the author and his detective Sherlock Holmes celebrates the centenary of the publication of *The Hound of the Baskervilles* and also marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of Toronto Public Library's Arthur Conan Doyle Collection.

The launch featured the dedication and naming of **Sherlock Holmes Walk**, Toronto's newest walkway located directly east of the Toronto Reference Library. City Librarian Josephine Bryant said of the walkway, "this is a wonderful way for the library to welcome library visitors and Sherlock Holmes fans from Toronto and around the world."

Approved by City

Council, the naming of the walkway came about thanks to the efforts of the Friends of the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection, the Bootmakers, which is Toronto's own Sherlock Holmes Society, Councillor Kyle Rae and Brian Hall, City of Toronto Works and Emergency Services.

2002 Budget approved by Board

The Toronto Public Library Board has adopted the **2002 Requested Base Budget** of \$116.646 million, a 3.9 per cent increase over the adjusted base budget at its monthly meeting October 29. The budget will now be submitted to the City for discussion and consideration as part of the overall 2002 budget approval process. See **Board Highlights** on the back page for other news from this month's meeting.

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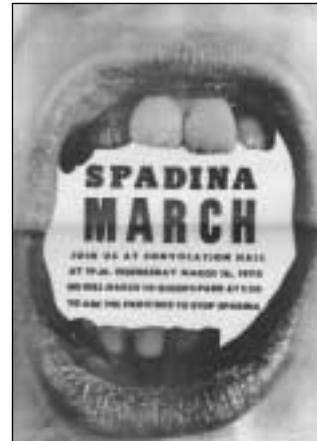
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Toronto's recent history



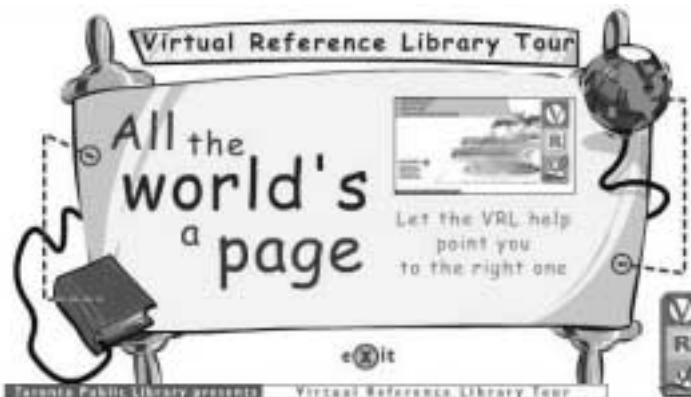
What were Torontonians protesting with the sit-ins at Rochdale College during the 1960s? How did they react to the extension of the Spadina Expressway in the 1970s? Now you can find these details and much more in the Special Collections Department of the Toronto Reference Library. It has acquired The Alan and Thomas Suddon Collection, consisting of over 5,000 pieces of broadsides, and printed ephemera documenting political, cultural and social events in Toronto from the 1950s to the 1990s.

Alan Suddon, the former head of the Fine Art Department of the Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library, was an avid collector. The library is especially pleased to receive the collection of posters.



Word on the Street

Thousands of festival-goers dropped by Toronto Public Library's booth at Word on the Street on Sunday, September 30, which was geared to promoting its web services. It showcased a live demonstration of the **Virtual Reference Library** and an electronic exhibit of *Historicity: Toronto Then and Now*, the latest in a series of VRL gateways. Using powerful search engines, the public can use Historicity to find interesting historical facts about the people, events, neighbourhoods and historic buildings of old Toronto (www.tpl.toronto.on.ca).



All the World's a Page

Public Library Week

Paul Hoffert, founder of the band Lighthouse and author of the Bagel Effect and All Together now, spoke about thriving in the digital age at the Toronto Reference Library on Wednesday, October 17. His presentation was one of several events during Public Library Week, October 15-22, as Toronto Public Library celebrated its electronic resources,

and invited patrons to listen to the experts talk about the changing digital world.

Since 1985, the public library community has designated the third week in October as Ontario Public Library Week. It offers an opportunity for libraries across the province to showcase their new programs, services and service delivery. About six million of Ontario's 11 million residents have a library card, and in Toronto more than 1.2 million or about 52 per cent of the city's population are library members.

More and more patrons are looking for Internet-based electronic information services, access around the clock, and the ability to get answers from librarians without coming into the library. More than 38 per cent of the holds placed in the first half of this year were placed remotely as compared to 28 per cent last year at this time. Virtual visits to TPL web pages, the Virtual Reference Library and gateways have increased 70 per cent compared to this time last year, and of all visits to web databases, 42 per cent originate remotely.

“Try to top it if you can!”

audience member



Richard Bradshaw, Canadian Opera Company General Director and conductor, speaker.

on an outstanding career to a rapt audience of about 250 people. After a question and answer session, two young singers, Andrea Ludwig and Olivier Laquerre of the Canadian Opera Company Ensemble and their accompanist, pianist Steven Philcox, dazzled the audience with a short concert of operatic arias. Audience members summed up the event well:

“It was especially delightful to hear of Mr. Bradshaw's background. What a raconteur! The young singers were a pleasure.”

“This is my first lecture at this location. I had not realized you have a large performing arts section.”

Bradshaw & Company shine

The second season of the Performing Arts Lecture Series opened with a bang at the Toronto Reference Library on Friday, September 28 with Richard Bradshaw, Canadian Opera Company's General Director and acclaimed conductor. Bradshaw presented a lecture about his reflections



Andrea Ludwig, singer, Canadian Opera Company Ensemble, accompanied by Steven Philcox, pianist.

Looking for young artists

Toronto kids can show off their artistic talents by entering the Design-a-Bookmark Contest at any branch library across the city or the library's bookmobiles. Open to children in three age groups (up to 6, 7-9 and 10-13 years), the contest kicks off Canadian Children's Book Week on Saturday, November 3 and closes on Saturday, December 15.

Children are invited to pick up a contest entry form at their local library, and create original

bookmark artwork using as many colours as they wish. Entries will be judged on theme, originality and design, and winners will be selected at each library.

Winners in each age group at every library location will receive a book prize. The 16 grand prize winners will each receive a backpack filled with

Laurentien colouring products and a personal supply of their winning bookmark, which will be published and distributed throughout the 98 library locations.

Toronto Public Library thanks Laurentien for supporting this year's contest.

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Caught reading

Keithan Kangatharan, who was caught reading, picked up his t-shirt at Agincourt on September 22. The Canadian Publishers' Council *Get Caught Reading* campaign encouraged people to visit their library branches and sign up for a library card.

FAST FACTS

Top ten most popular books at Toronto Public Library*

Title	Author
<i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i>	Eric Carle
<i>Lemon-Aid New Cars</i>	Louis-Philippe Edmonston
<i>The Brethren</i>	John Grisham
<i>Lemon-Aid Used Cars</i>	Louis-Philippe Edmonston
<i>Irresistible Forces</i>	Danielle Steel
<i>Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue</i>	Scott Publishing Co.
<i>"O" is for Outlaw</i>	Sue Grafton
<i>Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets</i>	J. K. Rowling
<i>Anil's Ghost</i>	Michael Ondaatje
<i>The Official Driver's Handbook: Traffic Laws and Good Driving Practices.</i>	Ontario Ministry of Transportation

*September, 2001 statistics

Library Board Highlights

October 28, 2001

Operating Budget Monitoring Report – September 30, 2001

This report was received by the Board for information.

2002-2006 Capital Program

The board approved this budget for submission.

2002 Operating Budget

The Board adopted and forwarded the 2002 Requested Base Budget of \$116.646 million, representing a 3.9 per cent increase over the adjusted base budget for forwarding to the City for discussion and consideration. A request for the 2002 New/Enhanced Service Change Budget was also approved and forwarded to the City for discussion and consideration. This item includes new enhanced services for Children and Youth requested by Council last year and totals \$0.492 million, representing a 0.4 per cent increase to the budget. The Board received the adjustment to the 2001 Budget Level and this will be forwarded to the City for information only.

Future Directions: Reinvesting In Our Future: Toronto Public Library Branch Planning Study: September 1999

The Board moved that it would not proceed with the measures originally included in Future Directions: Reinvesting In Our Future: Toronto Public Library Branch Planning Study: September 1999. This decision was made due to the minimal savings that would be achieved in addition to strong public opposition on branch closures.

Lobbying Disclosure Policy: Certain Requests for Proposals and Tender/Quotation Calls

This policy to regulate the lobbying disclosure process for certain competitive Requests for Proposals and Tender and Quotation Calls by the Library Board was approved.

Fraud and Other Similar Irregularities

The Board approved this policy, which is part of the Library's ongoing efforts to harmonize the different policies of the former library systems in accordance with the City's practices.

Toronto Library Board Meeting Schedule

The Library Board will meet on the following Mondays in 2002 at 6:00 p.m.: January 21, February 4, March 4, April 8, May 13, June 24, July 15, September 23, October 28, November 25, December 9.

Note: the following items were deferred until the November 19, 2001 meeting:

- Award for Request for Proposal – Technical Environment Review
- Auditorium, Meeting Room and Theatre Rental Policy
- Attendance Management Program

Next Meeting: Monday, November 19, 2001 – Council Room #2, City Hall



Illustration: 'Spy' [Leslie Ward]. "Sherlock Holmes" (as portrayed by William Gillette). *Vanity Fair Supplement*, 1907. This illustration is on display as part of the *Footprints of the Hound* exhibit at the Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street until December 2.

Calendar of Events:

November, 2001

Canadian Children's Book Week

November 3-10

Design-a-Bookmark Contest

November 3 to December 15

(See page 3 for details)

Exhibit: Child of the City

Children's books and artwork featuring Toronto and other cities
Osborne Collection of Early Children's Books, Lillian H. Smith, 239 College St

Trends in Chinese Writing

Authors Yan Li, Ling Zhang and Bo Sun will speak on Chinese writing in Canada. November 12, 7 p.m.
Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St

Author Series 2001

Poetry on the Cutting Edge

Featuring poets:

Helen Tsiriotakis

Natale Caple

Stuart Ross

Paul Dutton

November 15, 7:30 p.m.

Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St

Mysterious Worlds: a tribute to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The Merril Collection of Science Fiction, Speculation and Fantasy on display until November 15
Lillian H. Smith, 239 College St

Helen E. Stubbs Memorial Lecture:

"And to think that I saw it on Collier Street!"

featuring author Claire Mackay

November 15, 8 p.m.

Lillian H. Smith, 239 College St

Performing Arts Lecture Series:

Teresa Przybylski on theatrical design

November 16, 8 p.m.

Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St

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