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WHY NOT PUT our expertise to work during the holiday season? Let us help you find the perfect gift for your family and friends. Drop into your local branch and ask

staff for ideas. To get you started, our collections staff have put together this list of books for children and teens.

Happy Holidays!

- *Fair Weather: A Novel*, by Richard Peck
- *Beware!: R.L. Stine Picks His Favorite Scary Stories*

Picture books for babies and toddlers

- *Milo's Hat Trick*, by Jon Agee
- *Daisy Comes Home*, by Jan Brett
- "Slowly, Slowly, Slowly," *Said the Sloth*, by Eric Carle
- *Baby Hearts and Baby Flowers*, by Remy Charlip
- *Stella, Fairy of the Forest*, by Marie-Louise Gay
- *Jillian Jiggs and the Great Big Snow*, by Phoebe Gilman
- "Let's Get a Pup!" *Said Kate*, by Bob Graham
- *Do Like a Duck Does!*, by Judy Hindley
- *In the Space of the Sky*, by Richard Lewis
- *A Big City ABC*, by Allan Moak

- *Animal Popposites: A Pop-up Book of Opposites*, by Matthew Reinhart
- *Quack, Daisy, Quack!*, by Jane Simmons
- *Mama's Little Bears*, by Nancy Tafuri
- *Dinnertime!*, by Sue Williams

Advanced picture books and fairy tales

- *King Midas: The Golden Touch*, by Demi
- *The Three Spinning Fairies: A Tale from the Brothers Grimm*, by Lisa Campbell Ernst
- *Dragonfly Kites = Kiweeginapiseek*, by Tomson Highway
- *That Summer*, by Tony Johnston
- *Love to Langston*, by Tony Medina

- *The Three Questions*, by Jon J. Muth
- *The Little Rooster and the Diamond Button: A Hungarian Folktale*, by Celia Barker Lottridge
- *Cinderella*, by Ruth Sanderson
- *Madlenka's Dog*, by Peter Sis

Early readers

- *Emma's Yucky Brother*, by Jean Little
- *Berta: A Remarkable Dog*, by Celia Barker Lottridge

Children's fiction

- *The Seeing Stone*, by Kevin Crossley-Holland
- *Mary Ann Alice*, by Brian Doyle
- *A Single Shard*, by Linda Sue Park

Non-fiction

- *The Toronto Story*, by Claire Mackay
- *If the World Were a Village: A Book About the World's People*, by David J. Smith

Teen books

- *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, by Ann Brashares
- *True Confessions of a Heartless Girl*, by Martha Brooks
- *The Secret Life of Owen Skye*, by Alan Cumyn
- *Seek*, by Paul Fleischman
- *The Wind Singer*, by William Nicholson
- *Seven for a Secret*, by Mary C. Sheppard
- *Leslie's Journal*, by Allan Stratton



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Half million in funding from Library Friends

CHILDREN'S LITERACY was a big winner in 2002, when the Friends of Toronto Public Library North Chapter presented the library with a \$45,000 cheque. Primarily the result of sales in Book Ends – the Friends bookstore for donated and withdrawn library materials – the

money will go to the Leading to Reading program for children in Grades 2-6 who are having trouble reading at their grade level.

The South Chapter of the Library Friends raised \$37,000 in 2002. Services benefiting from the South Chapter donation include Toronto Reference Library writing programs, English Can Be Fun for newcomers to Canada, and Mobile Library Services, which provides library materials and services to people who

can't get to any of TPL's 98 branches.

Total contributions to library programs, services and collections by the Friends of Toronto Public Library will reach a half million dollars sometime in 2003.

Book Ends is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge Street.

Book Ends South is open Thursday, 12 noon-8 p.m., Friday & Saturday 12 noon-5 p.m. at Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street.

Library Board Highlights

December 9, 2002

French Language Services and Collections Plan

Staff presented the French Language Services and Collection Plan to the Board. The purpose of the plan is to improve city-wide access to French language collections and services through:

- the creation of 10 large French language collections strategically located across Toronto
- a number of small collections of French children's materials up to Grade 8 located near appropriate schools
- promotion of our services and collections
- modification of collection to more closely match user needs
- the creation of new partnerships with French language community groups, agencies and schools.

2003 Operating and Capital Budgets – Status

The Board was briefed on the Operating and Capital Budget presentation to the Budget Advisory Committee. The committee requested the following information:

- a five-year plan at \$10 million per year for the Capital Budget
- a report on traffic patterns in Toronto Public Library branches
- information on how the ALA/CLA conference will be funded and how other city departments can assist
- comparison of the Library with other city departments regarding gapping figures.

Operating Budget Monitoring Report – October 31, 2002

This report was received by the Board for information. The Toronto Public Library has a favourable balance and spending will be within the budget as approved by Council.

Migrate/Rebuild Web-Based Services

– Award of Proposal

The Toronto Public Library Board moved to grant authority to enter into an agreement with Devlin Applied Design for the migration and rebuild of Web-based services. This company was awarded the contract following a rigorous tendering process.

Next Library Board meeting:

Monday, January 27, 2003

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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.