

Shelf life

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS AND VIEWS

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Councillor Olivia Chow helps launch the Library's newest bookmobile.

New bookmobile delivers

CELEBRATING ITS continuing commitment to provide library access to people where they live, Toronto Public Library proudly unveiled its newest bookmobile at an official launch and dedication ceremony at Nathan Phillips Square on June 11. Children, adults and interested passers-by explored the colourful library-on-wheels, asked questions and found out where and when the bookmobile will be stopping in their neighbourhood.

The bookmobile currently serves patrons at 30 stops across the city, circulating about 150,000 items a year.

"The new bookmobile replaces a 1984 converted school bus," says City

Librarian

Josephine Bryant.

"We are

grateful to all those who made donations to help purchase this vehicle. The bookmobile allows us to meet our public where they need us."

In addition to housing

computer equipment and a check-out station, the bookmobile is equipped with a hydraulic lift for patrons with disabilities. The vehicle holds up to 2,500 books, videos, CDs and other items on all subjects for all ages in a number of languages, including Chinese, Hindi and Spanish, to name a few.

Patrons seeking materials not available on the shelves of the bookmobile can access the combined resources of all of Toronto Public Library's 98 branches by reserving mate-

"Bookmobile visits have become treasured moments in our family life." - Rhana T., bookmobile user

"My most unique stop is Toronto Islands," says bookmobile driver Mark Williams. "I'm sure the vibrant design of the new bookmobile will wake up a few ferry riders on Saturday mornings when I visit the folks on Ward's Island."

The new bookmobile was funded with the generous support of the Toronto Public Library Foundation and The Catherine and Maxwell Meighen Foundation.

Find out more about Bookmobile services and how to help the Toronto Public Library Foundation at www.tpl.toronto.on.ca

Leaside gets new library

THE LEASIDE BRANCH of Toronto Public Library opened June 11 after a one-year closure for reconstruction. Hundreds of members of the local community attended a ribbon cutting ceremony featuring local Councillor Jane Pitfield, Library Board Chair Gillian Mason and City Librarian Josephine Bryant. Other dignitary guests included Councillor Bas Balkissoon and Councillor David Shiner.

"Reopening of the Leaside Branch celebrates a wonderful community effort," said Mason. "Moffat Kinoshita Architects has done an outstanding job of designing a library that fits into the residential neighbourhood, and also makes a proud civic statement."

Jim Dunn from the Leaside

chapter of the Rotary Club of Toronto presented a \$30,000 cheque to Bryant, making a significant contribution toward furnishing the new library.

The reconstructed library is fully accessible, with program and community meeting space, a comfortable reading lounge, increased study space, a local history room and additional public access computers.

Visit Leaside Library:
165 McRae Drive (west off Laird Ave., south of Eglinton Ave. E.)

Tues. and Thurs., 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Wed., 12 noon-8:30 p.m.
Fri., 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

For further information, call the branch at 416-396-3835,



Cutting the ribbon to open the new Leaside Branch: (l-r) Jim Dunn, Leaside Rotary; Josephine Bryant, City Librarian; Donald Beard, Leaside Garden Society; Gene Kinoshita, Moffat Kinoshita Architects; Gillian Mason, Library Board Chair; City Councillor Jane Pitfield; Mitchell Goldhar, First Pro Shopping Centres; Antoinette Benedetto, Hyde Park Shopping Centres; Amir Jaffer, East York Kiwanis. Donors not represented in the photo: Ross Bonomo, Loblaw's; Agnes DiFlorio, CIBC.

In brief

Library helps Toronto's immigrant newcomers get settled
Toronto Public Library is filling an important gap again this summer by helping newcomer immigrants get settled in Toronto. The Settlement and Education Partnerships in Toronto (SEPT) program, which runs in Toronto schools from September to June, moves to 19 libraries during the summer when the schools are closed.

Funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the program creates awareness of community programs and resources and improves access to services for newly arrived immigrants. Settlement workers use library facilities to meet with newcomers to inform them about programs, services and resources in the community and the library, including children's programs and language learning programs, just to name a few.

SEPT is a free program offered at the following libraries: Albion, Bloor/Gladstone, Burrows Hall,

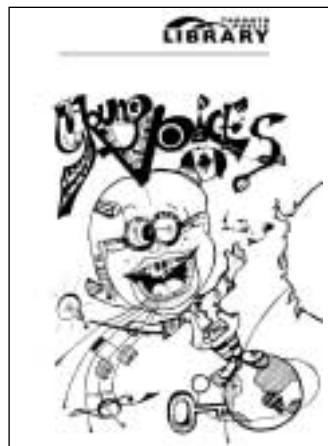
Bridlewood, Cedarbrae, Dawes Road, Downsview, Eglinton Square, Evelyn Gregory, Fairview, Flemingdon Park, Goldhawk Park, Humberwood, Lillian H. Smith, Mimico, Mount Dennis, North York Central, Parkdale, Richview, Riverdale, Weston, York Woods.

Did you know...

Citizenship and Immigration
Canada's website provides comprehensive information for people seeking to immigrate to Canada. Through the site, users can access the Application for Residence in Canada, applications for Canadian citizenship and other useful documents. Other information, such as guidelines for immigrating to Canada – including the "point system" and "General Occupations List" (used to evaluate potential immigrants) – are also available at the site. Access the site directly at <http://cicnet.ci.gc.ca/> or log on to the Toronto Public Library's Virtual Reference Library:

www.tpl.toronto.on.ca

click on Search the Internet
click on Immigration & Citizenship.



Young Voices heard at library

*Little stone of light,
you are like the moon tonight
secrets in your sight*
-Alanna Fletcher, 12 years old

As part of ongoing efforts to reach out to children and youth in the city, Toronto Public Library has produced the 2001 edition of their annual publication, *Young Voices*, a magazine by young people, for young people.

The magazine, which has been produced every year for nearly 30 years, includes stories, poems and artwork by Toronto youth, ages 12-19.

"I think pictures change simple words into compelling tales," says *Young Voices* cover designer Nancy Jiang. "The vivid details capture your attention by offering you endless discoveries and self expression. Thanks to *Young Voices*, kids can share their feelings and thoughts with young people around the world."

Copies of *Young Voices* are available at all 98 branches of Toronto Public Library.

Or see it online:
www.tpl.toronto.on.ca
click on News and Publications
click on TPL Publications.

Book your summer!

In an effort to reach every elementary school child in the city, Toronto Public Library has sent out over 300,000 information packages inviting Toronto children to join the TD Summer Reading Club.

Running at all 98 libraries in Toronto throughout July and August, the TD Summer Reading Club will reach an estimated 50,000 Toronto children. Thanks to the generosity of TD Bank Financial, Reading Club materials will also be made available

In brief continued...

to all Ontario public libraries.

"Last year 80% of Ontario libraries participated," says City Librarian Josephine Bryant. "Small communities are particularly grateful, since it allows them to run a



summer reading club program they couldn't otherwise manage."

Drop into your local branch to find out more about Toronto Public Library's TD Summer Reading Club.

World Youth Day at the library

Free Internet all over Toronto

When youth from more than 100 countries arrive in Toronto this summer for World Youth Day (July 18-28), they'll be able to stay in touch with loved ones back home by simply dropping into any Toronto Public Library:

- 98 locations
- 1,300 computer workstations
- free high-speed Internet
- free online news in many languages, including non-Western scripts like Chinese, Tamil and others.

Our flagship branch, Toronto Reference Library (789 Yonge Street, one block north of Bloor Street), features:

- over 100 computer workstations
- The Toronto Star Newspaper Centre with over 100 newspapers from around the world
- History of Toronto exhibit in the TD Gallery on the main floor.

For further information call Answerline at 416-393-7131 or log onto www.tpl.toronto.on.ca

Camping at the library

TAKING ADVANTAGE of Toronto Public Library's extensive genealogical resources, a group of 15 genealogists gathered in the Special Collections, Genealogy and Maps Centre of the Toronto Reference Library on June 3 to search for their Toronto ancestors. The group was participating in Genealogy Summer Camp, a program run for the past seven years by the Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS). During their week-long stay in Toronto, the campers, led by OGS member Jane MacNamara, visited Toronto Reference Library, North York Central Library's Canadiana Room, the Archives of Ontario and a number of other archives and libraries in Toronto.



Find out more about Toronto Public Library's genealogical resources on our website: www.tpl.toronto.on.ca

scroll down and click on Special Collections.

Kids@Computers to run year round

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN the library and the city's Community and



City Councillor Brad Duguid congratulates 2001 Kids@Computers graduate Bryan Ramos.

Neighbourhood Services Department that put computers into the homes of over 600 children and provided free training on how to use them, now aims to distribute 2,500 more computers over the next two years.

New computers supplied by the city, combined with free training at library locations, makes Kids@Computers the only program of its kind in North America. Aimed at children aged 8 to 14 whose families receive social assistance, the program will see 1,300 children receive free two-week computer training courses at 13 different library branches in Toronto.

For more information please contact the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department, Social Services Division at 416-392-8610.

WOLVES OF DARKNESS



The Collected Stories of
JACK WILLIAMSON
Volume Two

Wolves of Darkness, published by Haffner Press in 2002, showcases 73 years of Williamson's writing as well as high quality reproductions of the original edition's cover art. The Merril Collection at the Lillian H. Smith Branch features science fiction and fantasy specialty press publications.

New to special collections...

WOLVES OF DARKNESS: The Collected Stories of Jack Williamson, published by Haffner Press in 2002, showcases the work of science fiction and fantasy author Jack Williamson. The four-volume set, housed in the Merril Collection of Science Fiction, Speculation and Fantasy, draws upon fiction published between 1928 and 2001.

A small specialty press dedicated to publishing science fiction and fantasy, Haffner utilizes high quality production values to enhance the colour reproductions of the covers of pulp magazines that illustrate the end pages of each of the four volumes of Williamson's fiction.

The Merril Collection features science fiction and fantasy specialty press publications, and makes them available to members of the public who might otherwise be unaware of their existence, or who might not be able to afford them.



Find out more about The Merril Collection
www.tpl.toronto.on.ca
click on Unique Collections
Scroll down, click on Merril



Kids came in droves to make pop-up books with Joan Irvine, the "pop-up book lady." The event was part of a moveable book exhibition at Toronto Reference Library.

Board Highlights

June 10, 2002

Operating Budget

Monitoring Report – April 30, 2002

This report, which gives a summary of the gross and net expenditures for the four-month period ending April 30, 2002, was received by the Board for information.

Requests for Reconsideration of Library Materials – 2001 Annual Report

The Board received a report providing an overview of the Library materials process for dealing with public concerns about books and other material in the Library's collection.

In 2001, nine complaints were received by the Materials Review Committee. The complaints concerned two videos, one English-as-a-Second Language kit, one periodical and five books. All items were retained in the collection, though one was transferred from the children's to the teen collection.

Jane/Sheppard Neighbourhood Branch – Possible Relocation

The Board endorsed the following:

1. The relocation of the Jane/Sheppard branch to a City-owned property at 1900 Sheppard Avenue West and that the branch meet the minimum standard for neighbourhood branches.
2. Inclusion of the Library's 2003-2007 capital program at minimal or no net cost to the Library or the City of Toronto.

Calendar of Events

June/July 2002

June 29

Toronto: A Place of Meeting

An exhibit of Toronto's past in images. Opens June 29, runs through the summer. TD Gallery

Toronto Reference Library
789 Yonge Street

July 18-28

World Youth Day

Library resources for visiting pilgrims:

- 1,300 computer workstations
- free high-speed Internet
- free online news in many languages

July 31

Bayview Branch

will close for a brief period as it relocates to a new, improved location in Bayview Village Mall.

August 24

Black Creek Branch
will close to relocate to the lower level of the North York Sheridan Mall.

TD Summer Reading Club

Posters, stickers, activities and lots of books for kids. Drop into your local branch to find out about the TD Summer Reading Club today.

Meet TD

Summer

Reading

Club

illustrator

Ruth Ohi



Tuesday, July 16, 2 p.m.

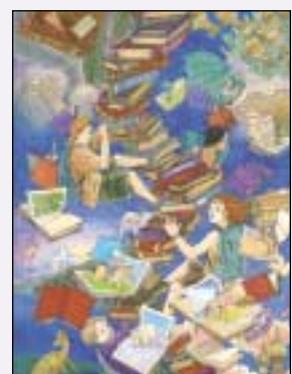
Dufferin/St. Clair
1625 Dufferin Street

Tuesday, July 23, 2 p.m.

Burrows Hall
1081 Progress Avenue

Wednesday, August 7,

10:30 a.m.
Centennial
578 Finch Avenue West



Thursday, August 8,
10:30 a.m.
Eatonville
430 Burnhamthorpe Road

Thursday, August 8, 2 p.m.
North York Central
5120 Yonge Street

For more Programming information, including TD Summer Reading Club author/illustrator visits, check *What's On* newsletter, or visit the library website www.tpl.toronto.on.ca

3. Staff to report to the next Board meeting on the options for accommodating the Jane/Sheppard relocation with minimal or no impact on the capital and operating budgets of the Library and the City.

Maryvale Neighbourhood Branch – Lease Renewal

A lease renewal was approved for this branch effective for five years.

Black Creek Neighbourhood Branch Renovations – Leasehold Improvements - Award of Tender

The contract for the leasehold improvements resulting from the relocation of this branch is awarded to Finspan Construction Limited at a cost of \$468,236 (including GST).

Applicability and Implementation Plan for Recommendations Contained in the City Auditor's Report (June 28, 2001) – Selection And Hiring of Professional Consulting Services Review

The Board received this report for information and is forwarding it to the City Audit Committee.

Auditorium, Meeting Room and Theatre Rental Policy – Report on Fee Category for Frequent, Long-Term Meeting Room Users

The Board agreed not to implement an annual flat fee structure for long-term, weekly meeting room users. Instead, the Board approved a three-year phase-in option for non-profit users who currently do not pay a charge for use of the meeting rooms.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, July 15, 2002

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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.