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June Callwood

## **NEW LECTURE SERIES**

### **Library honours journalist and social activist, June Callwood**

Endowment fund  
established

**“I saw that there was  
a problem.”**

—June Callwood, 2004

WHEN JUNE CALLWOOD saw there was a problem, she tried to find a way to do something about it. This author, journalist and social activist has written books and articles that prick our consciences. She has founded more than 50 social action organizations — safe havens for anyone who needs help — for teen moms, for homeless women and a beautiful, welcoming hospice for people dying of AIDS.

On April 26, Toronto Public Library will be inaugurating

a new annual social issues lecture to be named in honour of June Callwood. The mandate of the lecture is to explore contemporary issues with an emphasis on social justice and activism. Guest speakers will be front line workers who will share with us their experiences, perspectives and passion.

The first lecture will feature Mary Jo Leddy, who has been active in human rights and peace groups since the 1970s. An award-winning author, Leddy writes about human goodness and encourages people to spend time with other people.

The Toronto Public Library Foundation has established the June Callwood Endowment Fund to support the annual lecture.

If you would like more information about supporting the Endowment Fund, please call 416-397-5924.

See over, Calendar of Events, for details on the lecture.

## **IN BRIEF**

### **Black and Caribbean heritage book club launched**

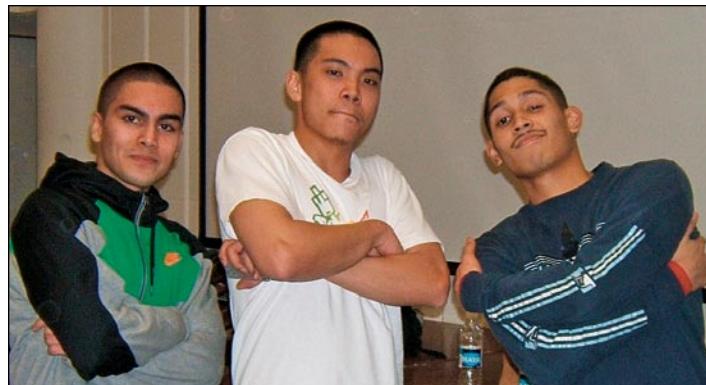
A new book club, focusing on black and Caribbean heritage, is part of extensive readers' advisory-related services at Toronto Public Library. The book club, launched recently at Malvern Branch, is just one of 78 library book discussion groups, including another Black and Caribbean heritage club that started at Cedarbrae last fall. Another resource, a list of recommended reading and viewing called Front Row Toronto, has just been added to our website and includes lists of music, films and books related to theatrical productions in and around Toronto, including the National Ballet, the Canadian

Opera, the Shaw and Stratford festivals and the Toronto Symphony. Other recent additions to Recommended Reading highlight our French-language materials.

### **Woodside Square Branch doubles in size**

The newly relocated Woodside Square Branch (Woodside Square Mall, 1571 Sandhurst Circle) will open to the public on April 30. At 10,000 square feet, the branch is more than double the size of the previous location. It is one of Toronto's busiest libraries with customers borrowing almost a half-a-million books, CDs, DVDs and magazines annually. Enjoy entertainment, food and fun at the grand opening, Monday, April 30 at noon.

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Albert Campbell branch's February 16 break dancing program, featuring (left-right) Michael Enero, Melad Charkabi and Brayan Manawe, was a prelude to hip hop and break dance programs held at a number of Toronto Public Library branches as part of an exciting March Break at the library for teens. Other programs featured poetry with Motion and *The Power of Positive Choice* with Quincy Mak. The Library's March Break 2007 programs saw record attendance of over 20,000.

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## In Brief

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### Toonies Campaign soars to new heights

The "I Keep Toronto Reading" fundraising campaign has raised over \$50,000 to help the Toronto Public Library Foundation support the Library's literacy initiatives. Known affectionately as the Toonies Campaign — because members of the public are asked for a donation of a toonie or more — the campaign helped raise funds and awareness for the Library Foundation during the month of February. Thanks to all the staff and public who made this campaign a success.

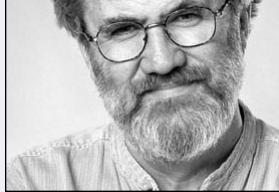


Toonie Campaign soars at Woodside Square branch.

### WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE

#### Tim Wynne-Jones

Conducts writing workshops for youth and adult writers



Author Tim Wynne-Jones

A NEW WRITER-in-residence set up shop at the Osborne Collection in March. Children and Youth author Tim Wynne-Jones will conduct several programs, such as writing workshops for youth at the Lillian Smith Branch and a lunchtime discussion at the Toronto Reference Library. Check out the Calendar of Events for details.

### Calendar of Events April 2007

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Albert Lahmer Memorial Lecture

Thursday, April 19, 8 p.m. Presented by The Friends of the Osborne and Lillian H. Smith Collections, delivered by Susan Perren, distinguished children's book critic and reviewer for *The Globe and Mail*. Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street

#### The Inaugural June Callwood Lecture

Thursday, April 26, 6 p.m. Delivered by Mary Jo Leddy, director of Toronto's Romero House. Hosted by Shelagh Rogers (CBC Radio's *Sounds Like Canada*). Toronto Reference Library, Atrium, 789 Yonge Street

#### Literary Language of Film

— Toronto's Fabulous Filmmakers Making a Film From a Literary Work Friday, April 27, 6 p.m. Oscar-winning producer Daniel Iron (*The Red Violin*) and actor Michael Murphy (*Childstar, Magnolia*) discuss the process of adapting to film Alice Munro's short story *The Bear*, which was written and directed by actress and first-time director Sarah Polley. Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street

#### @ the TD Gallery

Toronto's Sanctuaries: Church Design of Henry Langley April 28 to June 30 Step into a world of serenity, hope and reflection as we present the works of eminent local architect Henry Langley. Revel in handsome architectural drawings from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, as well as photographs, prints and books.

### Library Board Highlights March 26, 2007

#### Board welcomes new members

The Toronto Public Library Board welcomed new citizen members Eman Ahmed, Adam Chaleff-Freudenthaler, Ann Decter and Tina Edan. Kathy Gallagher Ross was appointed chair of the Board and Matthew Church was appointed vice-chair. The Board thanks those members who are retiring from the Board.

TD Gallery,  
Toronto Reference Library,  
789 Yonge Street

#### Writing workshops for teens with Tim Wynne-Jones

Age 13–19. Registration required, call 416-395-5509. One session limit per person. Space is limited.

Lillian H. Smith Branch,  
239 College Street (at Huron)  
Games to play while waiting for an idea

Saturday, April 28, 2–4 p.m. Playing at writing is an important thing to do. Find out what games writer Tim Wynne-Jones plays and play along!

#### Ten things you may get tired of hearing...

Tuesday, May 15, 4–6 p.m. Complete with a very brief explanation of why Tim Wynne-Jones keeps saying them...Conflict, motivation, story, character and more.