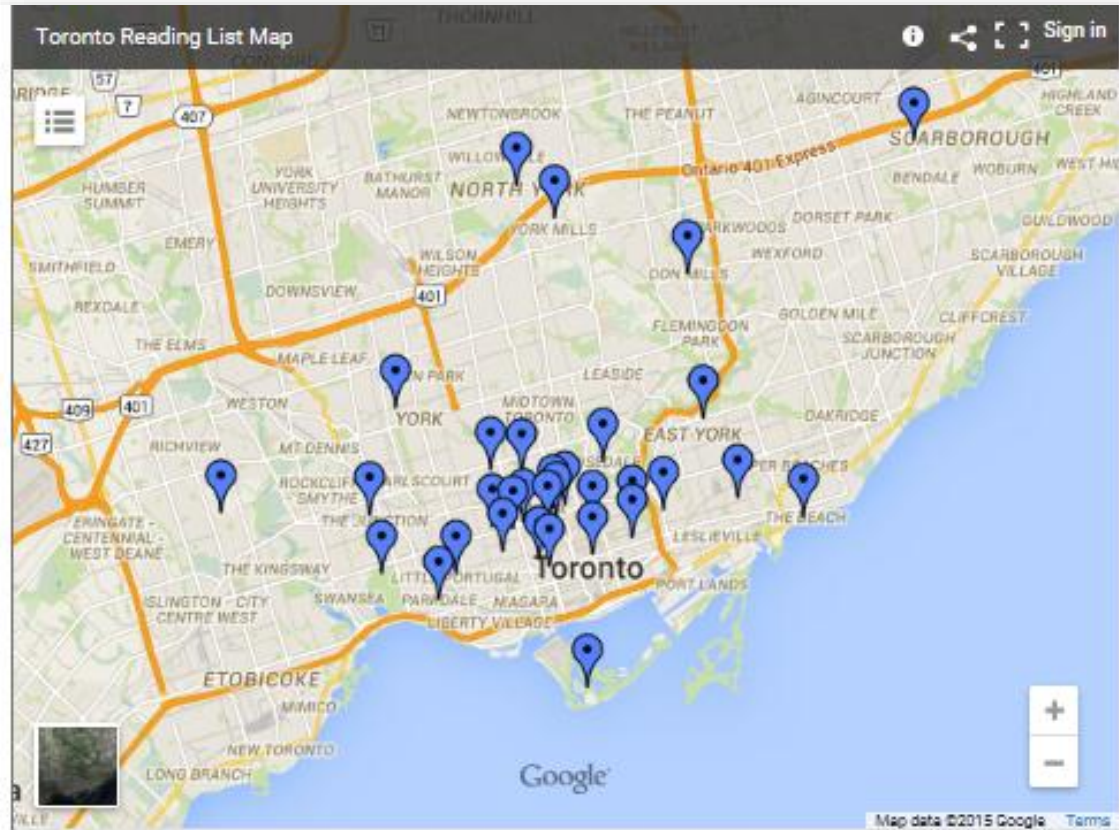


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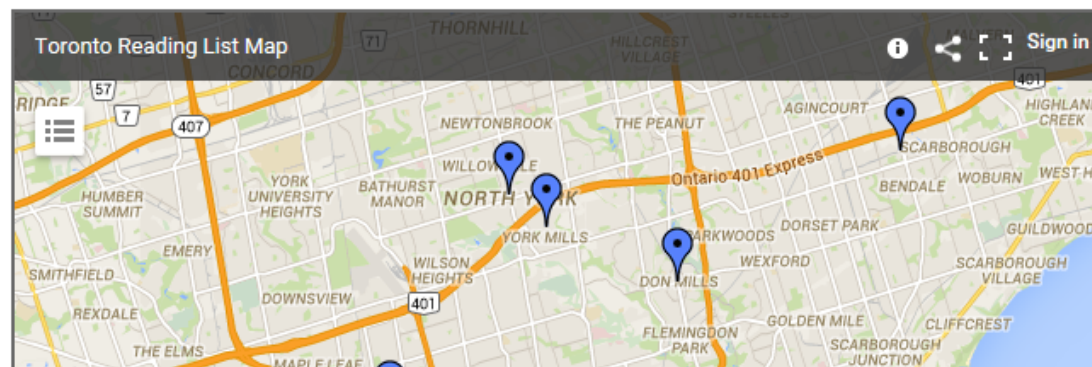
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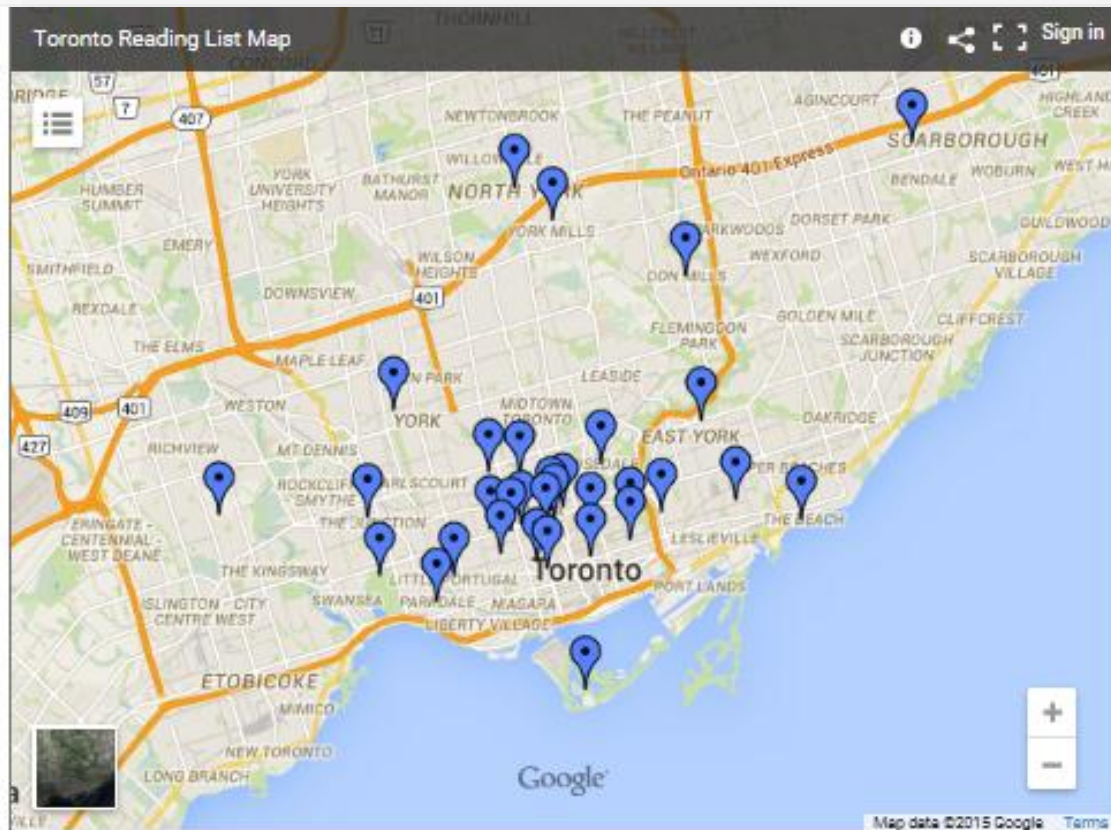
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Toronto Public Library staff compiled these lists of books, primarily fiction, that take place in Toronto neighbourhoods. The lists are a work in progress and will continue to grow. What we've included here:

- Novels
- Short stories
- Graphic books
- Memoirs

Map of Book Lists by Neighbourhood





Browse Book Lists by Neighbourhood

Annex

Beach

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Church-Wellesley Village

Don Mills

Downtown

East York

Etobicoke

Gerrard India Bazaar

High Park

Honest Ed's

The Junction

Kensington Market

Lee's Palace

Little Italy

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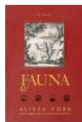
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Book set in Toronto's Riverdale.



Fauna

York, Alissa.

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Things go flying

Lapeña, Shari, 1960-
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Blood price

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Buying on time

Sileika, Antanas, 1953-

Linked short stories follow a Lithuanian Canadian family living in Weston from 1953-1981.

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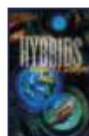
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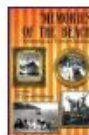
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Robert J. Sawyer
North York



2. Torontoians
Phyllis Brett Young
East York



3. Soucouyant
David John Chariandy
Scarborough



4. Memories of the Beach
Lorraine O'Donnell
Beach



5. Blind Assassin
Margaret Atwood
Downtown



6. Consolation
Michael Radhill
Toronto Islands



7. Copernicus Avenue
Andrew Borkowski
Parkdale



8. Above
Leah Bobet
Etobicoke



9. Fugitive Pieces
Anne Michaels
York



10. The Desperates
Greg Kearney
Rosedale

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Do you read fiction set in a location you are about to visit to get the feel of the town? Or, have you ever considered your town and what fiction has been set there? Then have you tried to put it on a clickable map which is both visually appealing and accessible on the internet?

Statement of the Need and Objective

Toronto Public Library decided it was high time to create a clickable map of fiction set in our city, given the plethora of short stories, novels, graphic novels and memoirs set here. Toronto Public Library's Toronto in Literature: Book Lists by Neighbourhood was our first attempt to map the city's literature by neighbourhood.

Methodology

The methodology was simple. Our web team kindly created a Google Map for us and set up the Google docs for us to input data. Suggestions for titles set in Toronto were sought from library staff, and were then placed on the map by neighbourhood.

Outcome

When the web page went live in May, 2014, the reaction was swift and positive! It was deemed a "great idea" by the CBC. We were flooded with suggestions for books that we had missed. We had to add more neighbourhoods to cover the demand.

Since then we have been experimenting with other tools for creating a literary map including Pinterest or Foursquare. We were also inspired by the Chicago Literary Map app... Imagine the possibilities!

The Challenge to Other Library Systems

Have you thought of "mapping your community" too? Help spread this project beyond the borders of Toronto. Take inspiration and make this literary map a literary project from coast to coast to coast!