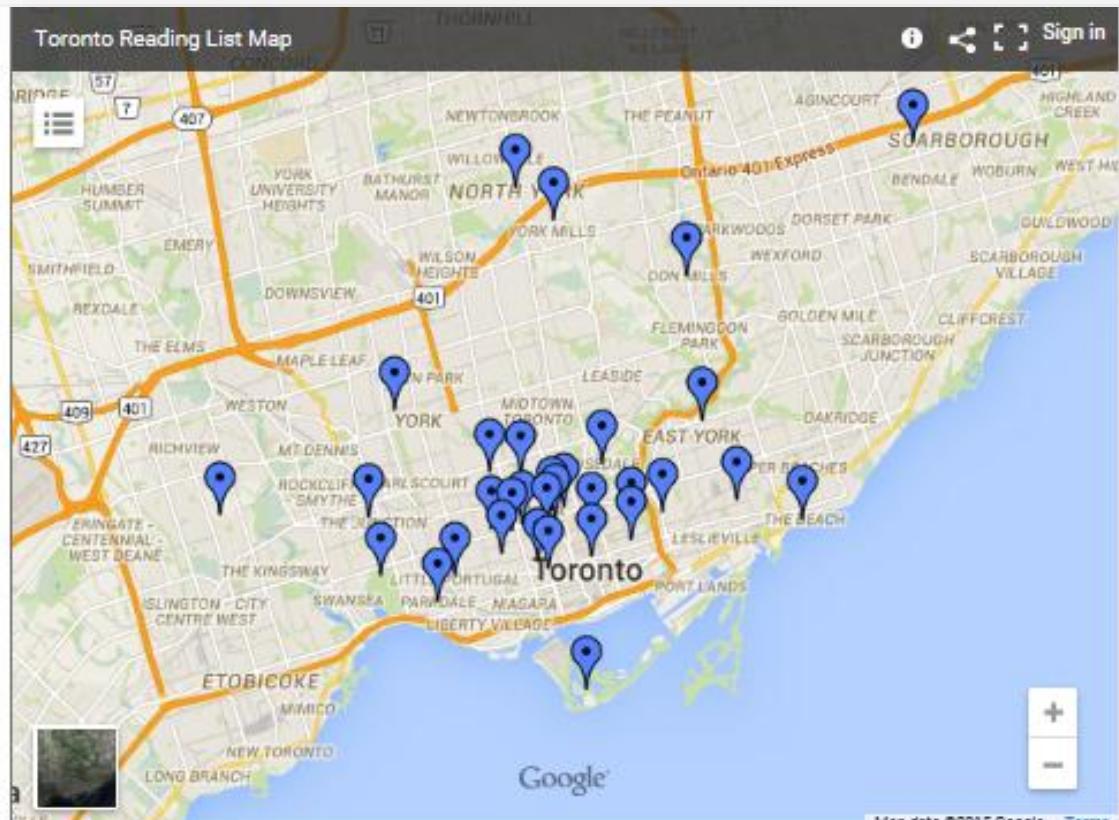


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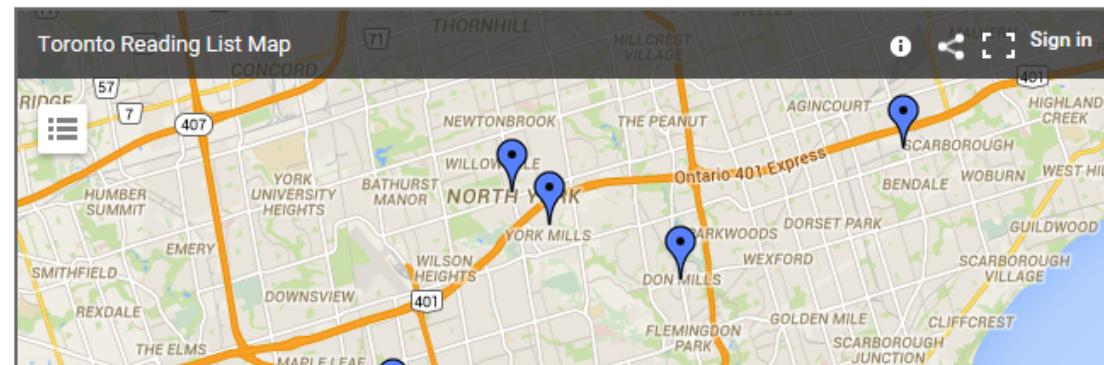
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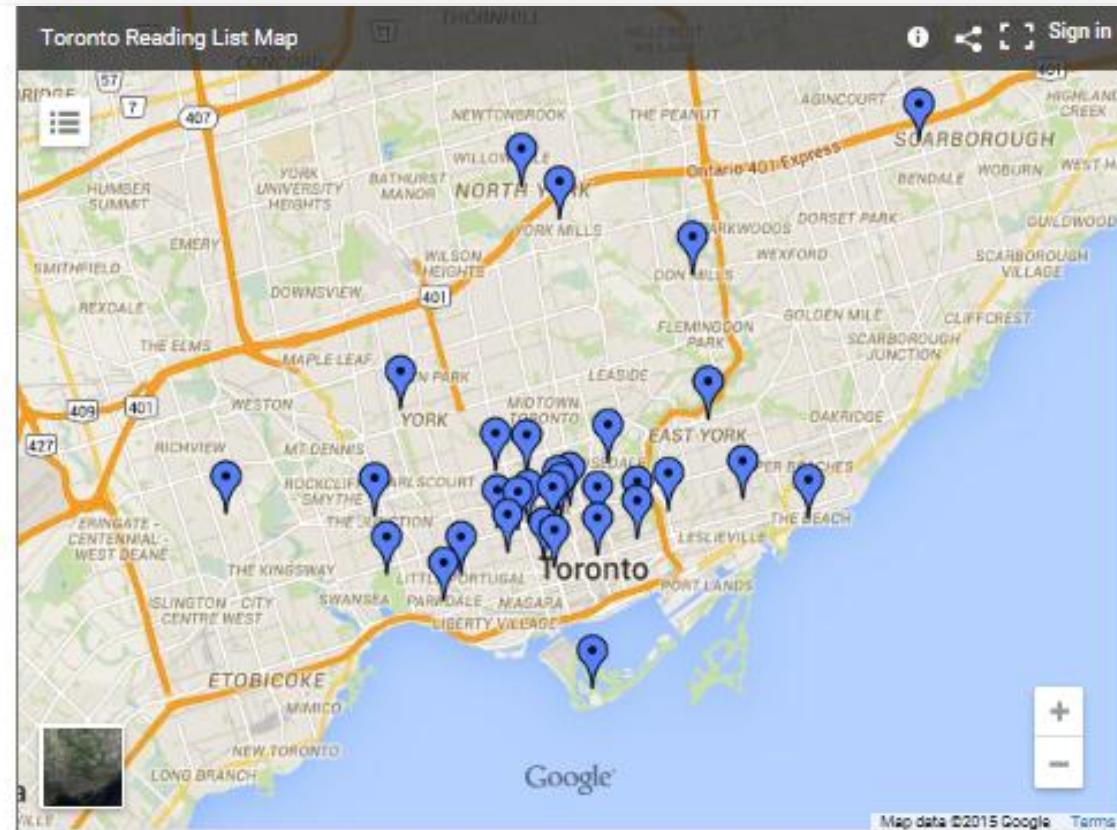
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Toronto Public Library staff compiled these lists of books, primarily fiction, that take place in Toronto neighbourhoods. The lists are a work in progress and will continue to grow. What we've included here:

- Novels
- Short stories
- Graphic books
- Memoirs

Map of Book Lists by Neighbourhood





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Annex	Gerrard India Bazaar	Riverdale
Beach	High Park	Rosedale
Cabbagetown	Honest Ed's	Royal Ontario Museum
Casa Loma	The Junction	Scarborough
Chinatown	Kensington Market	Toronto Islands
Christie Pits	Lee's Palace	University of Toronto
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York, Alissa.

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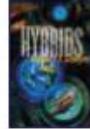
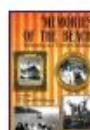
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 <p>3. Soucouyant David John Chariandy Scarborough</p>	 <p>8. Above Leah Bobet Etobicoke</p>
 <p>4. Memories of the Beach Lorraine O'Donnell Williams Beach</p>	 <p>9. Fugitive Pieces Anne Michaels York</p>
 <p>5. Blind Assassin Margaret Atwood Downtown</p>	 <p>10. The Desperates Greg Keayne Rosedale</p>

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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!