



Toronto Public Library Board Education Collections Management

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supporting TPL's mission and values

mission

Toronto Public Library provides free and equitable access to services which meet the changing needs of Torontonians. The Library preserves and promotes universal access to a broad range of human knowledge, experience, information and ideas in a welcoming and supportive environment.

values

Equity, Diversity, Intellectual Freedom, Innovation, Inclusion, Integrity, Accountability, Service Orientation

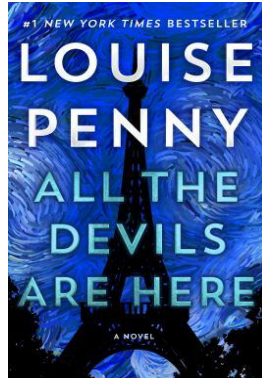
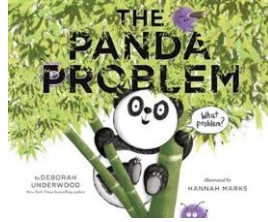
collections and membership policies

Two Board level policies shape the work of the Division:

1. Materials Selection Policy
2. Membership, Circulation and Collection Use Policy

- Collection Development
- Acquisitions
- Cataloguing
- Processing
- Distribution Services
- + cross-divisional work with all areas

collection development: overview



- Collection Specialists coordinate selection of physical books, DVDs, CDs and audiobooks through branch-based committees
- eBooks and other digital resources are selected centrally
- In-house selection is supplemented with Automatic Release Plans

key statistics



788,082

library cardholders (2022)



141,993

titles catalogued (2022)



10.7M

items (physical & digital)



24.2M

highest physical circ in Canada (2021)



1,500

items/day sent to branches from Processing (2022)



9.7M

highest OverDrive circ worldwide for the past 9 of 10 yrs (2022)

7.65M

items picked up, sorted & delivered by Distribution Services (2022)

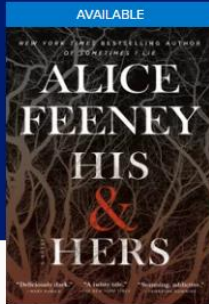
challenges building e-book & e-audiobook collection



Subjects Collections ▾ Kids Teens Best Books Whodunnit? Business Library

Help shorten wait times. Finished it? [Return it!](#)

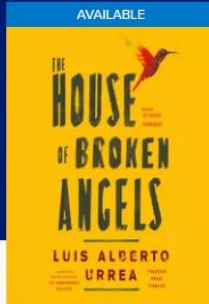
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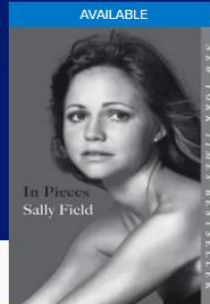
His & Hers
by Alice Feeney



The Guest Book
by Sarah Blake



The House of Broke...
by Luis Alberto Urrea



In Pieces
by Sally Field

- Access to content
- Pricing
- Expiring content

Toronto Reference Library

world-class research & reference collections

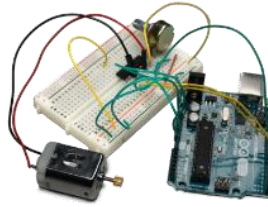


- Plays, monologues and scenes; vinyl music collection
- Languages learning collection
- Canadian literature collections
- Material on management, finance, investment, marketing, and business
- Toronto historical and current municipal documents.
- Genealogy and local history
- The Book Sanctuary
- Special Collections including digitization



responsive collections

- CO2 monitors
- Musical instruments
- Wi-Fi Hotspots
- Museum + Arts Pass (MAP)
- Ontario Parks Pass
- Tech Kits (Arduino, Audio Recording, Raspberry Pi)
- In-library use digital equipment (e.g. laptops, arduinos)





thank you
questions