

# 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)



**10.7M**  
items (physical & digital)



**24.2M**  
highest physical circ in Canada  
(2021)



**9.7M**  
highest OverDrive circ worldwide  
for the past 9 of 10 yrs (2022)



**141,993**  
titles catalogued (2022)



**1,500**  
items/day sent to branches  
from Processing (2022)

**7.65M**  
items picked up, sorted &  
delivered by Distribution  
Services (2022)

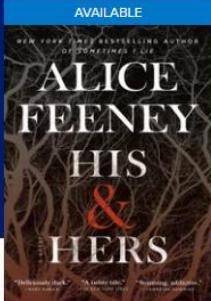
# challenges building e-book & e-audiobook collection



Subjects Collections ▾ Kids Teens Best Books Whodunnit? Business Library

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

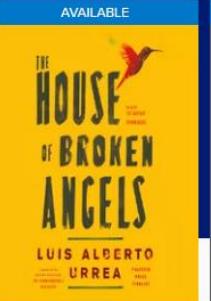
## TPL Staff Picks



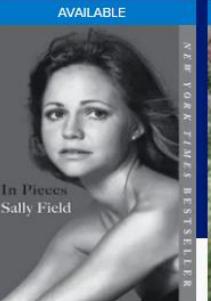
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by Alice Feeney



The Guest Book  
by Sarah Blake



The House of Broke...  
by Luis Alberto Urrea



In Pieces  
by Sally Field

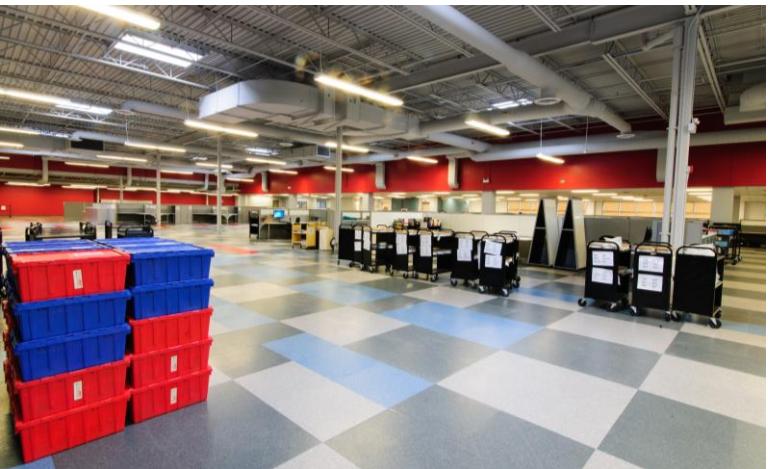
- Access to content
- Pricing
- Expiring content

# Toronto Reference Library

## world-class research & reference collections



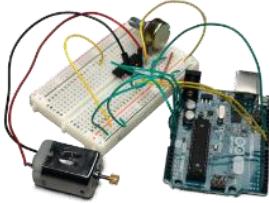
- Plays, monologues and scenes; vinyl music collection
- Languages learning collection
- Canadian literature collections
- Material on management, finance, investment, marketing, and business
- Toronto historical and current municipal documents.
- Genealogy and local history
- The Book Sanctuary
- Special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



innovation

# 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