



# FRIENDS OF TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

An Update for the  
Toronto Public Library Board  
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and Rosemary Fontaine, Chair of North Chapter Board

# History of the Friends: Key Events

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| 1990 | Began with Friends of North York Library supporting the North York Library System       |
| 1993 | First used book store started at North York Central Library                             |
| 1996 | Friends of Toronto Public Library set up in old City of Toronto                         |
| 1998 | Amalgamation of library systems in new City of Toronto                                  |
| 1999 | Second used book store opened at Toronto Reference Library                              |
| 2001 | Amalgamated Friends of TPL formed with two chapters:<br>North Chapter and South Chapter |
| 2013 | First \$1 million donated by the North Chapter  |
| 2017 | First \$1 million donated by the South Chapter  |
| 2022 | Total funds donated to the Toronto Public Library Foundation:<br>\$ 2.75 million        |

# Activities of the North Chapter - 1

- First bookstore “*Book Ends*” ran from 1993 to 2016
- Bookstore closed for 3 years due to renovations at North York Central Library
- New store **BOOKEnds** opened on November 7, 2019 – new space much bigger and brighter



# Activities of the North Chapter - 2

- Major effort in 2019 to get the bookstore and its volunteers going again – then interrupted by COVID shutdowns
- North York Central Library management very supportive and helpful
- We receive many donations delivered directly to Library loading dock



# Activities of the North Chapter - 3

- New store is in North York Centre Mall, Concourse Level, next to the Library
- Currently have 30 volunteers involved – no paid staff
- Store hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm and Fridays from 10 am to 6 pm





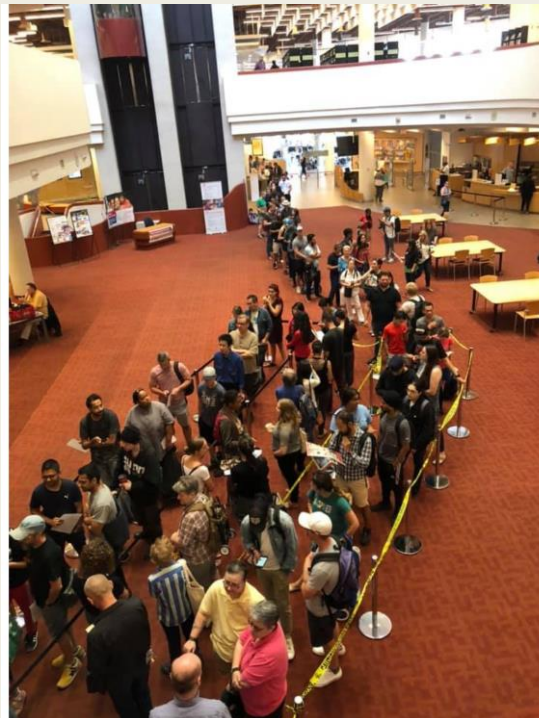
# Activities of the South Chapter - 1

- Run the store at TRL – BOOKEnds South; open Wednesdays to Saturdays
- Store located on ground floor of Toronto Reference Library
- Currently have 50 volunteers involved – no paid staff



# Activities of the South Chapter - 2

- Organize **special event sales at the Reference Library** – Clearance Sales, Treasures Sales and Lobby Sales
- Promote our store and the Sales on social media – e.g., Facebook



# Friends Funding for 2023 TPL Programs

Funding donated in December 2022 to the TPL Foundation  
for 2023 TPL programs

## North Chapter:

❖	Leading to Reading program	\$ 53,000
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## South Chapter:

❖	Kindergarten and Grade 4 Outreach programs	\$ 80,000
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❖	Programming for youth: Publication of Young Voices magazine, workshops and conference	\$ 30,000
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❖	TPL Foundation (for admin support)	\$ 1,000
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<b><u>TOTAL DONATION</u></b>	<b><u>\$164,000</u></b>
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