



FRIENDS OF TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

**An Update for the
Toronto Public Library Board
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History of the Friends: Key Events

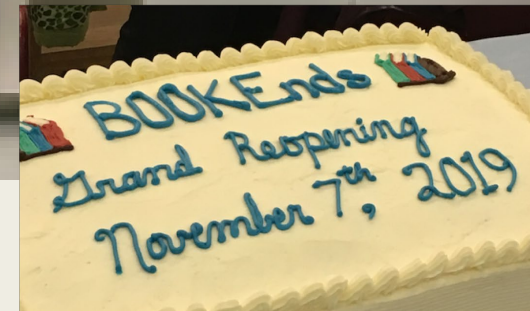
- 1990 Began with Friends of North York Library supporting the North York Library System
- 1993 First used book store started at North York Central Library
- 1996 Friends of Toronto Public Library set up in old City of Toronto
- 1998 Amalgamation of library systems in new City of Toronto
- 1999 Second used book store opened at Toronto Reference Library
- 2001 Amalgamated Friends of TPL formed with two chapters:
North Chapter and South Chapter
- 2013 First \$1 million donated by the North Chapter
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- 2019 Total funds donated to the Toronto Public Library Foundation:
\$ 2.5 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



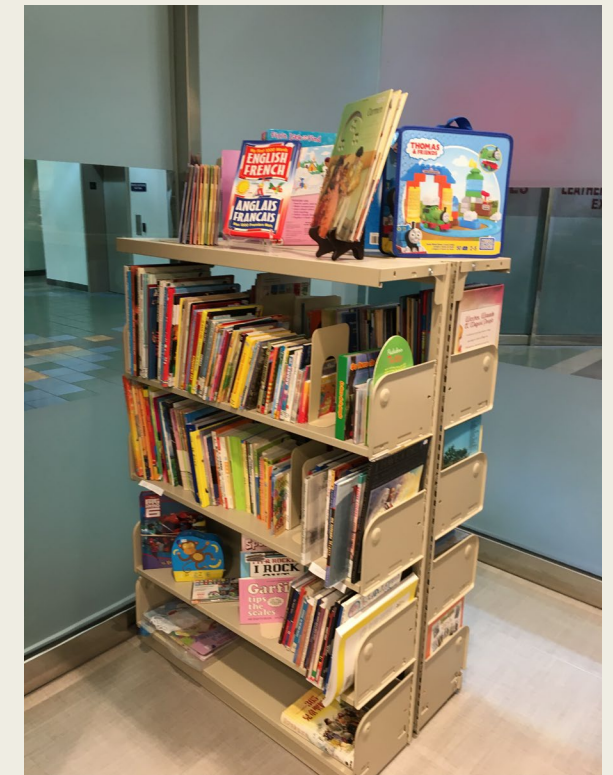
Activities of the North Chapter - 2

A major undertaking to get the bookstore and its volunteers going again
New space much bigger and brighter than old store
North York Central Library management has been very supportive



Activities of the North Chapter - 3

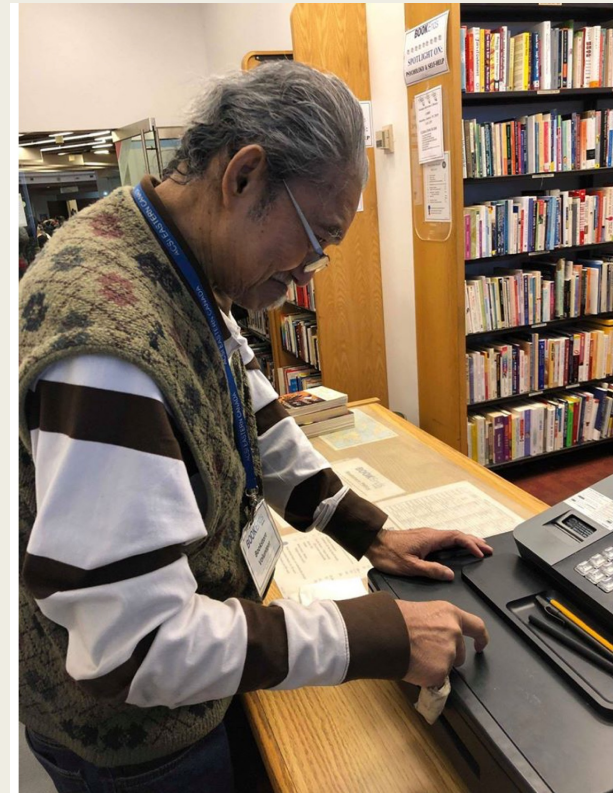
New store is in North York Centre Mall, Concourse Level, next to the Library
Currently have 43 volunteers involved – no paid staff
Store hours are Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm



Activities of the South Chapter - 1

Currently have 90 volunteers involved – no paid staff

Run the Bookstore at TRL – BOOKEnds South – open Tuesdays to Saturdays



Activities of the South Chapter - 2

Organize **special event sales** – Clearance Sales, Treasures Sales, Lobby Sales
Promote our store and the Sales on social media – Facebook and Twitter



Friends Funding for 2020 TPL Programs

Funding donated in December 2019 by the South Chapter to the TPL Foundation for 2020 TPL programs	<u>\$177,000</u>
Kindergarten and Grade 4 Outreach programming	\$ 43,000
Programming for youth: Publication of Young Voices magazine, workshops and a conference	\$ 20,000
Career Counselling for High-School Leavers (pilot program)	\$100,000
Family Literacy Month activities	\$ 8,000
TRL lecture series	\$ 5,000
TPL Foundation (for admin support)	\$ 1,000