

# BIBLIO BASH

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**IN SUPPORT OF TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

A significant portion of funds raised will go towards TPLF's **Newcomer Community Initiative**, launching welcome resources in 40 languages, expanding critical outreach for newcomer services such as financial literacy programs and business support for entrepreneurs.

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# Supporting Newcomer Initiatives



"My family doesn't speak English. But since the first day we arrived here, we have used several services from Toronto Public Library. Language learning programs, access to a diverse collection of books in Ukrainian and English, and just to build community. We never felt alone and are grateful for this."

- *Oryna*, came to Toronto in 2023 from Ukraine to escape war.



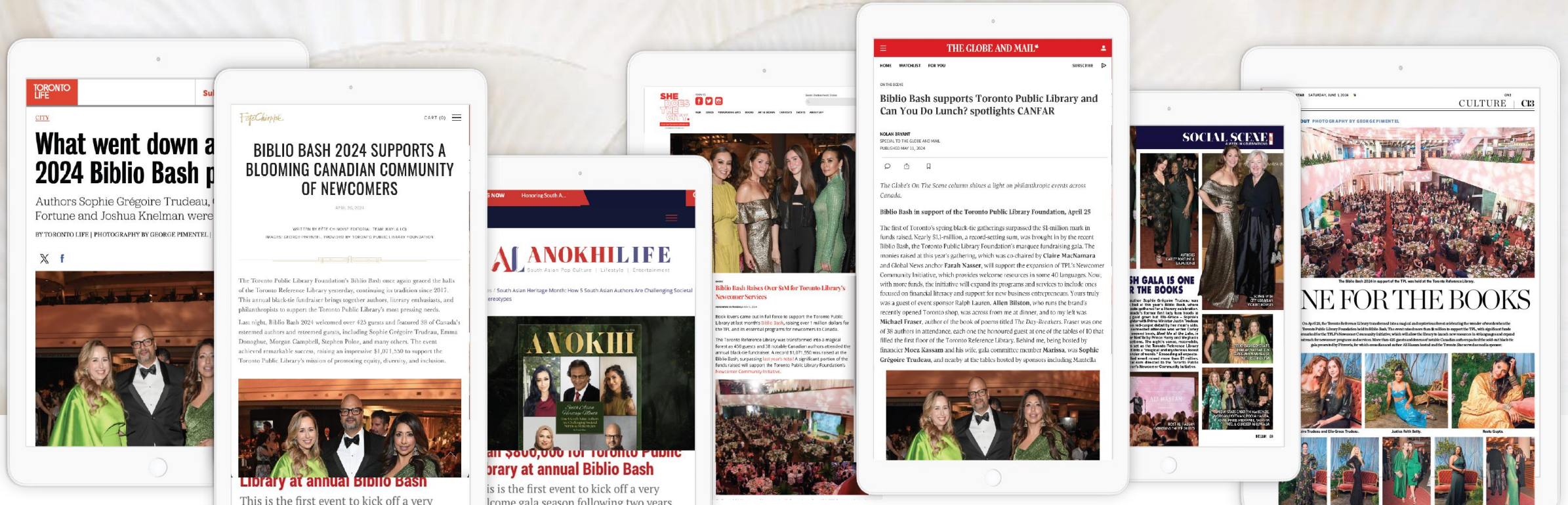
"Moving to a new country is challenging. It's overwhelming and it's costly. The fact that I was able to access all this information through my Library card for free was so impactful and changed our lives. The library staff have been so welcoming, and their kindness made me go back regularly."

- *Vincci*, came to Toronto in 2021 from Hong Kong to give her daughter a better life.

See more videos and newcomer stories at [bibliobash.ca](https://bibliobash.ca)



# Biblio Bash in the news



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# What our guests had to say...



“As a child of immigrants, my parents were working so hard to ensure that my siblings and I had a great life. We did not have the money to spend on new books and I LOVED to read. So the library is where I would go after school to read and immerse myself in wonder and curiosity. **I would sit on the floor, reading the children’s books and dreaming that one day, I would have a book on these shelves.** The time I spent at the Hillcrest Library, Toronto Reference Library etc really is where my dreams started of writing. To be back here now as an author, is magical, is destiny, is beautiful. I feel so blessed to have been part of such an elegant night, in the place where it all began. **The TPL Foundation fundraiser last night not only showcased authors but raised money to help newcomers settle in the city of Toronto. The beauty of being here now and being able to help other immigrant families, this is the power of love coming full circle.**”

– Reetu Gupta, author and Chairwoman of The Gupta Group



