

# Shelf life

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Councillor Raymond Cho displays the TD 2001 Summer Reading Club poster to a group of enthusiastic young readers outside the Burrows Hall Branch Library June 9th.

## Book your summer

BURROWS HALL BRANCH of the Toronto Public Library held a book sale, and storytime at the Metro Toronto Police 42 Division community picnic for Burrows Hall neighborhood residents on June 9. At the library's information booth, children picked up the TD Summer Reading Club poster, bookmarks and a logbook filled with puzzles and games.

This activity poster and other Summer Reading Club materials encourage children to read widely, find new authors, and above all, have fun. Each book read earns a sticker for the poster and the logbook keeps kids busy all summer. The Summer Reading Club's activity package is available in 98 branches of the Toronto Public Library across the city.

Toronto author/illustrator Barbara Reid created the *Summer Sleuth* theme for this year's TD Summer Reading Club, and the program is expected to draw about 50,000 Toronto kids.



**Shelf Life returns in September.**

## Mr. Christie Book Awards

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY hosted the 12th Annual Mr. Christie Book Awards at the Lillian H. Smith Branch on June 12. The award is given annually to three children's books, and each of the three winners receives \$7,500.

Literacy advocate and author Arlene Perley Rae announced the winning books:

*The Chicken Cat*, Stephanie McLellan; *Willow and Twig*, Jean Little; *The Secret Under My Skin*, Janet McNaughton.

During the event, Arlene Perley Rae presented a complete set of the nominated and winning books to the Lillian H. Smith Branch for its collection.



Pictured (l to r) Nabisco VP Irene Britt, author Jean Little and Arlene Perley Rae, literacy advocate and author.

# Library Board **Highlights**

## **Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

Kirsten Franz, of the City of Toronto's Legal Department made a presentation to the Board concerning the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

## **Notice of Motion - Location of Toronto Public Library Board**

A motion was made to hold a discussion and vote on the location of future Toronto Public Library Board meetings. This will take place at the next Board meeting.

## **Operating Budget Monitoring Report – April 30, 2001**

This report was received by the Board for information.

## **Financial Statement – Internal Control Checklist**

This document was received for information.

## **Creating the Future, Treasuring the Past – Toronto Public Library's Strategic Plan 2000-2003: Progress Report – June 2001**

This report, which captures the key activities for the first six months of the Library's Strategic Plan, was delivered to the Board for information.

## **Materials Selection Policy- Reconsideration of Materials 2000**

This report, which summarizes the results of customer concerns regarding material selection, was received for information.

## **Conflict of Interest Policy**

The Board adopted this policy for employees. This policy is consistent with the City's policy which was approved by Toronto City Council on August 4, 2000.

## **Award of Request for Proposal Internet Service Provider**

The Board approved the recommendation that staff enter into contract negotiations with Bell Canada for the supply of Internet services for a one-year period, with an option of renewal for a second and third year, based on satisfactory performance.

## **TPL Board Meeting Schedule**

The date of Monday, July 23, 2001 was approved to be reserved for a meeting of the Toronto Public Library Board, if required.

### **Next meeting:**

A tentative Library Board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2001, at 6 p.m. For confirmation, please call Nancy Marshall at 416-393-7215.

## **Calendar of Events: September, 2001**

### **Writer in Residence:**

Betty Jane Wylie  
September, 2001 – January, 2002  
North York Central Library  
5120 Yonge St

### **United Nations**

**International Literacy Day 2001**  
September 8

### **Eatonville Branch Library**

**Official reopening**  
September 13, 7:00 p.m.  
430 Burnhamthorpe Rd

### **Author Series 2001**

Memoirs  
Keith Garebian and Sky Gilbert  
September 13, 7:30 p.m.  
Toronto Reference Library  
789 Yonge St

### **William Nicholson**

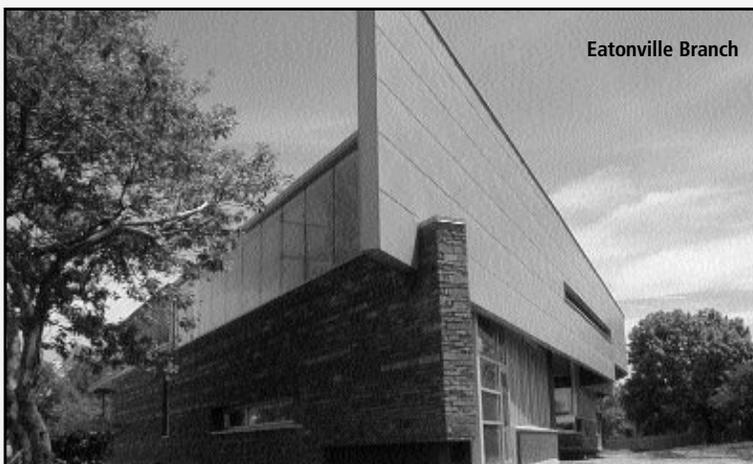
September 21, 7:00 p.m.  
Toronto Reference Library  
789 Yonge St

### **Performing Arts Lecture Series:**

Richard Bradshaw  
September 28, 7:30 p.m.  
Toronto Reference Library  
789 Yonge St

### **Word on the Street**

September 30



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