

introducing the  
Scarborough  
Public Library

1964  
an invitation  
to all interested in  
continuing education,  
study, information  
& recreation

# SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

**The Scarborough Public Library** founded in 1955 is a community educational service supported by local taxes and provincial grants and dedicated to the ideal that the free dissemination of ideas on all subjects through books and other media is an essential service in a democracy.

In Scarborough as in all the municipalities of Metropolitan Toronto, the library system is governed by a Board of Trustees under the Public Library Act of Ontario. The Board operates six branch libraries, four bookmobiles and one administration centre as a free service for all who live, work or go to school in Scarborough.

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<b>Administration Centre</b> .....	1076 Ellesmere Road 291-1991
<b>Agincourt Branch</b> .....	2586 Midland Ave. AX. 3-7811
<b>Bendale Branch</b> .....	1515 Danforth Rd. AM. 6-2961
<b>Golden Mile Branch</b> .....	50 Eglinton Square PL. 5-3986
<b>Highland Creek Branch</b> .....	277-279 Old Kingston Rd. AT. 2-7211
<b>McGregor Park Branch</b> .....	2219 Lawrence Ave. E. PL. 9-6421, 421-3142
<b>Taylor Branch</b> .....	1440 Kingston Rd. 698-3481



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## BRANCH SERVICES

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All branches are open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The following services are provided:—

### **160,000 books on all subjects**

Ask the branch librarian for help in choosing the book, pamphlet or magazine you want. If the book you need is not in the library branch you visit, it may be reserved for you when it is returned. Ask at the desk for the simple request form. You will be notified by mail when your request is available.

### **Information and Research**

Our staff of trained librarians is at your service to help you with your requests for information, statistics and study materials. You may need up-to-date marketing information or facts about a trade school, university or extension course, or you may wish to investigate a new field of knowledge or improve your golf game. We count this assistance as one of our most important services, and to satisfy your inquiry we use our stock of reference books, encyclopedias, periodical indexes, pamphlets, etc. or we may consult the reference collection of a larger library.

### **Inter-Library Loans**

Our book stock is inadequate for many specialized needs, but we make every effort to obtain the material you wish from other libraries in Metro or from the National Library or other special collections. Ask at the desk for the simple request form. You will be notified by mail when your request is available.

### **Children's Services**

Each of our branches has a carefully chosen collection of children's books and a staff member trained especially in this field available to be of assistance to the child or the parent.

There are also regular story hours in some of our branches and at times other children's activities. The story hours at Bendale Branch for instance are led by Lyn Cook, author of a modern classic for boys and girls "Bells on Finland Street" and occasionally Miss Cook conducts "creative drama" groups on Saturday mornings. Inquire at your branch for the time of our children's activities.

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## FILM SERVICE

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Our selection of 100 educational films for adults and children is housed in the McGregor Park Branch. This service is provided for any group or club wishing to include educational films in its programme or prelude a discussion of a subject with an appropriate film. The film librarian will recommend the right one for your purpose and supply a projector and an operator if needed. In addition to our own stock of films, the library as a member of the Metropolitan Film Pool has access to thousands of films from many sources.

Charges are as follows:

Projector and Screen	\$2.00
Screen only	1.00
Films — Black & White	.35/10 mins.
— Coloured	.70/10 mins.

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# BOOKMOBILE SERVICE

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Four bookmobiles operate out of our Administration Centre and call at fifty locations on a weekly schedule. Each vehicle carries a selection of about 3,500 books. Requests for

books not found on board are accepted and obtained as quickly as possible. Phone 291-1991 for the location and schedule of your nearest bookmobile stop.

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## STATISTICAL SUMMARY 1964

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Population of Scarborough.....	251,675
Registered Borrowers.....	60,000
Number of Loans.....	1,743,199
Number of Books Added.....	20,000
Total Bookstock.....	178,000
Films Loaned.....	1,338
Research Questions Asked.....	12,200
Inter-Library Loans.....	19,000

### Operating Expenses

Books, Periodicals, Films, etc.....	\$ 90,378.00
Salaries.....	348,042.00
Bookmobile Maintenance and Operation.....	6,400.00
General Maintenance.....	20,401.00
Library Supplies, Printing, Stationary, etc.....	14,000.00
Interest on Debentures.....	60,000.00
Other Expenses.....	62,124.00
Total Current Budget.....	<u>\$601,345.00</u>

### Income

Scarborough Township Appropriation.....	\$502,549.00
Provincial Grant.....	57,312.00
Overdue Charges and Other Income.....	41,484.00
Total.....	<u>\$601,345.00</u>

Mill Rate for Library Purposes.....	1.27
Per Capita Expenditure.....	2.40



## **The Library and the Community**

During the year we worked along with other groups, Boards and Commissions to benefit our community. Talks were given, book lists printed, displays arranged, thousands of books were reviewed, selected, ordered and processed for use, publicity was arranged and a limited extension programme was organized in our Bendale Branch. Although our facilities are still inadequate for the area, they are used more intensely than those of almost any community in Canada and the demand continues to grow each year.

## **Gifts to the Library**

We receive many hundreds of books as gifts from interested residents of Scarborough. Although we can accommodate only a limited number on our shelves and although many gift books are not suitable and must be discarded, we are always pleased to receive gifts of value and if they are found suitable will be pleased to make them available to our readers by adding them to the collection.

## **Library Board for 1965**

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Mr. A. W. Bowron, B.A., B.L.S., R.P.L.