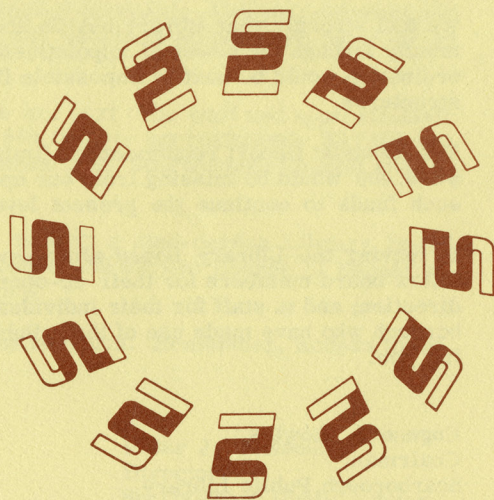


SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

report of 1977





STATISTICS		
ITEMS BORROWED - BOOKS, FILMS, RECORDS, CASSETTES, AND PICTURES	1977	1976
	3,095,772	2,927,758
QUESTIONS ANSWERED SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY	1977	1976
	706,067	412,532
PROGRAMMES HELD	1977	1976
	4,162	3,970
ITEMS IN COLLECTION: BOOKS, FILMS, RECORDS, CASSETTES, PICTURES AND MICROFORMS	1977	1976
	728,904	655,653

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The year 1977 was one of intense activity at all levels of our library system.

The record of the Scarborough Public Library Board is one that the people of Scarborough can be proud of. At the Metropolitan level, our Board has been a leader in the promotion of co-operation and co-ordination among the other Borough library boards.

Among the highlights of the year have been the opening of the Woodside Square Branch and its warm reception and use by the people of that area; reviewing the planning and development plans of the Board; the release of the Robarts' Report of the Royal Commission on Metropolitan Toronto; and a series of branch visits by the Board.

One of the most significant documents to update our standards was the Library Development Report. The Report leads to a more easily understood and improved planning procedure for library service.

The Board and Administration have spent many hours studying and responding to the Robarts' Report, both to the Special Committee of Scarborough Council and to the Provincial Treasurer, the Hon. Darcy McKeough.

The people of Scarborough should share the Board's concern over two major areas of concern; governance of libraries and finance. The Report recommends that the Borough Councils may create boards or not as they see fit.

We feel strongly that library boards should continue to represent a wide cross-section of the community through the power of appointment presently vested with the Boards of Education. Also co-ordination would be next to impossible if different Boroughs created different library administrative structures.

The Robarts' Report recommends elimination of conditional grants to library boards. In 1977 terms \$685,000 would be missing from our operating budget. Will Scarborough Council be able to replace such funds to continue the present level of public library service?

In leaving the Library Board after seven years of service, I want to express my appreciation to fellow board members for their co-operation and support; to administrative staff for guidance and direction; and to staff for their individual contribution to service; and, finally, to the people of Scarborough who have made use of their Public Library. We, the Board, and the staff have enjoyed serving you.

Eugene J. Bowles,
Chairman,
Scarborough Public Library.

BUDGET		
EXPENDITURES	1977	1976
	\$3,007,800.00	\$2,791,500.00
STAFFING	430,980.00	353,620.00
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	390,960.00	488,300.00
SERVICES	627,770.00	489,000.00
MATERIALS	91,490.00	87,950.00
SUNDRIES	\$4,549,000.00	\$4,210,370.00
REVENUE	1977	1976
	\$3,702,200.00	\$3,384,700.00
BOROUGH GRANT	683,000.00	652,552.00
PROVINCIAL GRANT	97,600.00	90,000.00
LEVIED CHARGES	24,400.00	22,000.00
RECOVERABLES	39,800.00	61,118.00
SURPLUS	\$4,549,000.00	\$4,210,370.00

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

If you are a Scarborough resident, chances are you have used one or more of the fourteen public libraries in this Borough; or borrow books from one of our newly painted bookmobiles; or have library materials delivered to your home if you are unable to visit our branches.

On the other hand, if you have never used the services of the Scarborough Public Library, why not join the thousands who do? We deal in information, self-development, culture and leisure.

The tangible resources available are: books, magazines, films, recordings, cassettes, art prints, government reports and microfilms. These come in many languages. For those with a physical or visual disability there are "talking books" and large print books.

To interest you further, we show films, arrange lectures and discussion groups, perform puppet shows, hold exhibitions, answer your questions, introduce you to the culture of other countries and we endeavour to create in children a love of books that will remain with them all their lives.

To give you an idea of the use of our services in 1977, the total items borrowed was 3,095,772, or an average of 10,300 items per day for each day we were open. Some 2,300 questions per day were answered for a total of 706,067. In order to maintain a fresh supply of materials 157,291 items were bought and processed, which is over 500 items a day.

To keep you up-to-date and informed we have 2,624 different magazine subscriptions and have a computer assisted information service operated by a video display terminal. For your interest and pleasure we held 4,162 programmes in 1977, attended by 104,131 people of all ages and many ethnic backgrounds.

To accomplish all this work we have 232 permanent full time and part time staff and approximately 120 casual staff. The cost of these services in 1977 was \$4,549,000, or approximately \$11.60 per capita for Scarborough. Eighty-two percent of the money comes from Scarborough Council and the rest from the Provincial Government and general income.

The responsibility for the management of this library system is with a nine-person Library Board who volunteer their time. They are appointed by the Borough Council and the two Boards of Education. Their names for the year 1977 are on the back of this report.

Visit your nearest public library today and ask about our many services. Remember, access to information and democracy are synonymous.

Peter J. Bassnett,
Director,
Scarborough Public Library.

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SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARIES



ALBERT CAMPBELL DISTRICT BRANCH 698-1194
496 Birchmount Rd. (at Danforth Rd.)
Audio-Visual Dept. 698-1191

CEDARBRAE DISTRICT BRANCH 431-2222
545 Markham Rd. (S. of Lawrence Ave. E.)

AGINCOURT BRANCH 293-7811
Agincourt Mall, Sheppard Ave. E. (at Kennedy Rd.)

BENDALE BRANCH 431-9141
1515 Danforth Rd. (at McCowan Rd.)

BRIDLEWOOD BRANCH 499-4284
Bridlewood Mall, Warden Ave. (at Finch Ave.)

CLIFFCREST BRANCH 266-5697
Cliffcrest Plaza, Kingston Rd. (at McCowan Rd.)

EGLINTON SQUARE BRANCH 755-3986
Eglinton Square Mall, Eglinton Ave. E.
(at Victoria Pk. Ave.)

GUILDWOOD BRANCH 266-4787
Guildwood Plaza, Guildwood Pkwy.
(at Livingston Rd.)

HIGHLAND CREEK BRANCH 282-7211
277 Old Kingston Rd. (at Morrish Rd.)

MCGREGOR PARK BRANCH 759-6757
2219 Lawrence Ave. E. (at Birchmount Rd.)

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH 282-3485
Morningside Plaza (at Kingston Rd.)

PORT UNION BRANCH 282-7428
5530 Lawrence Ave. E. (at Port Union Rd.)

TAYLOR MEMORIAL BRANCH 698-3481
1440 Kingston Rd. (at Warden Ave.)

WOODSIDE SQUARE BRANCH 291-9437
Woodside Square Mall, Finch Ave.
(at McCowan Rd.)

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