

# SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY



report of 1979





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COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

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SENIOR CITIZENS' WEEK

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MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMMES

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VISIT TO TECHNICAL SERVICES

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## STATISTICS

	<u>1979</u>
ITEMS BORROWED	3,448,817
QUESTIONS	755,435
PROGRAMMES HELD	3,712
ITEMS IN COLLECTION	799,864

## REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The year 1979 was a busy and rewarding one. It is satisfying to know that our public library system is better used today than ever before, indicating Scarborough residents' need and desire for library service.

Service to the community was a primary concern this year. Several of our libraries were made more accessible to the handicapped, and property adjacent to the Cedarbrae District Library was purchased by Board of Control for the future expansion of this key facility. Morningside Neighbourhood Branch Library was moved from its temporary quarters into more spacious premises in the new Morningside Mall, and McGregor Park and Bendale Neighbourhood Branches were completely refurbished. Contacts have been made in the Malvern Community to discuss plans for a community library in that area.

As the population of Scarborough grows at approximately ten thousand people per year, the Board is aware of the ever-present need for expansion and a third District Library, to be located north of 401, is still a major objective. The financial situation demands our continued attention as the rate of inflation and the pressure for library service from the public exceeds our financial resources. 1979 was the first time the Library Board found it necessary to approach Council for more financial aid, and, with public support, we were able to come to a reasonable agreement.

In May the Board made a submission to the Special Committee of Council regarding the Metro's Suburbs in Transition Report of the Social Planning Council of Metropolitan Toronto. Although the problems expressed in the report certainly exist, if the Scarborough Public Library system were to increase services to alleviate some of these problems, a higher level of financial assistance would be necessary.

The Library Board's special project to mark the International Year of the Child was to establish a toy lending library for the children of Scarborough. This undertaking will be totally supported by public donations, matched by a Wintario grant. The collection of educational toys will be housed at the Albert Campbell District Library, and hopefully will eventually be extended to more branches. The willingness and co-operation of those who have already donated to this worthwhile project are greatly appreciated.

The Library Board considers it imperative that libraries be regarded as an integral part of modern society. The citizens of Scarborough have the right to expect that appropriate library service is maintained in established areas and expanded to new neighbourhoods. The people of Scarborough deserve the best and, with their continued co-operation and support, the Library Board will endeavour to plan and secure the finest library services possible for the Borough.

Florence J. Cruickshank,  
Chairman,  
Scarborough Public Library.

## BUDGET

EXPENDITURES	<u>1979</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND BOARD SERVICES	\$ 1,786,356
PUBLIC SERVICES - SPECIAL SERVICES	502,616
PUBLIC SERVICES - CEDARBRAE DISTRICT	1,457,682
PUBLIC SERVICES - ALBERT CAMPBELL DISTRICT	1,110,176
PUBLIC SERVICES - AGINCOURT DISTRICT	603,922
	<u>\$ 5,460,752</u>
REVENUE	
BOROUGH GRANT	\$ 4,494,929
PROVINCIAL GRANTS	726,164
LEVIED CHARGES	125,000
RECOVERABLES	44,000
SURPLUS	70,659
	<u>\$ 5,460,752</u>

\* Includes conditional grants



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

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## REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

The cost of providing public library service to the residents of the Borough during 1979 was \$5,460,752, or approximately \$13.30 per person living in Scarborough. The money for the budget is obtained from three sources: 82 per cent from the Council of the Borough of Scarborough, 13 per cent from the Provincial Government and the remainder from general income. In viewing the basic price of \$13.30 per resident for public library service, it is worth noting that this was the approximate price of a hard cover novel, or half the price of an average reference book, or about a third of the hourly charge for supplying information by the private sector during 1979.

In taking advantage of the services of the public library system, the users of the fourteen branches and two bookmobiles borrowed 3,448,817 items and requested answers to 755,435 questions. The material borrowed and questions answered benefited an estimated 120,000 people in their search for relaxation, knowledge, information and general assistance in their daily life. To support the activity from the branches and bookmobiles, the staff behind the scenes added 141,096 new items to the collection, located and obtained 4,351 different books and periodical articles from libraries across Canada, arranged for 14,178 requests to be fulfilled immediately by the teletype network, and informed 41,305 people that their specially reserved books were available at their nearest branch library. The resources of the public library include 625,738 hardcover books, 128,177 paperbacks, 2,274 films and videotapes, 39,538 records and cassettes, 1,116 framed prints, 940 periodical titles, 60 machine-readable data bases and tens of thousands of reports and pamphlets from government, corporate and private sources. To improve access to the collection a Computer Output Microform Catalogue was introduced in 1979, increasing the ability of both staff and users to find the books required.

The specialist services of the public library dealing with senior citizens, children and teenagers, multilingual materials and films all experienced a record year. Staff delivered books and talking books to 330 senior citizens and handicapped adults, visited fourteen senior citizen nursing homes and apartments giving library service, and maintained twelve deposit collections in other senior citizen nursing homes. The pleasure of reading was emphasized by the children's service, and popular paperback collections were placed in many branch libraries for the teenage population. The multicultural services now acquire books and cassettes in over twenty languages; new languages added in 1979 were Arabic, Japanese and Vietnamese. The films from the public library were viewed for information and recreation by 324,199 people of the Borough.

Special programmes were held for 59,980 children and included film shows, puppet shows, story hours and book clubs. For the adults 931 programmes were held and 25,195 people attended lectures and workshops on a multitude of subjects. As has been indicated, 1979 was another record year and it is expected that use of the public library system will continue to grow as residents new and established discover the value of the public library system.

Peter J. Bassnett,  
Director,  
Scarborough Public Library.

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CEDARBRAE DISTRICT BRANCH 545 Markham Rd. (S. of Lawrence Ave. E.)	431-2222
AGINCOURT BRANCH Agincourt Mall, Sheppard Ave. E. (at Kennedy Rd.)	293-7811
BENDALE BRANCH 1515 Danforth Rd. (at McCowan Rd.)	431-9141
BRIDLEWOOD BRANCH Bridlewood Mall, Warden Ave. (at Finch Ave.)	499-4284
CLIFFCREST BRANCH Cliffcrest Plaza, Kingston Rd. (at McCowan Rd.)	266-5697
EGLINTON SQUARE BRANCH Eglinton Square Mall, Eglinton Ave. E. (at Victoria Pk. Ave.)	755-3986
GUILDWOOD BRANCH Guildwood Plaza, Guildwood Pkwy. (at Livingston Rd.)	266-4787
HIGHLAND CREEK BRANCH 277 Old Kingston Rd. (at Morrish Rd.)	282-7211
McGREGOR PARK BRANCH 2219 Lawrence Ave. E. (at Birchmount Rd.)	759-6757
MORNINGSIDE BRANCH Morningside Mall (at Kingston Rd.)	282-3485
PORT UNION BRANCH 5530 Lawrence Ave. E. (at Port Union Rd.)	282-7428
TAYLOR MEMORIAL BRANCH 1440 Kingston Rd. (at Warden Ave.)	698-3481
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