

THE  
SCARBOROUGH  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD

annual report 1983





## REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

*"A good book is the best of friends,  
the same today and forever."*

*(Martin Tupper)*

No doubt the Library Board and all library users will readily agree with Tupper's maxim, for what would life be like without books to edify the mind or pleasantly while away the time? Since the City of Scarborough residents receive the highest book circulation service with the least tax dollar per capita of all large boroughs and cities in Ontario, we are uncommonly proud of our book lending service.

But books are only one part of the services and programmes that are offered:—

- Are you in need of information? statistics?  
The answer is a phone call away.
- Does your pre-schooler enjoy stories? Enroll him in a story-telling class.
- Are you blind or have low vision? Learn to use the Kurzweil Reading Machine and you can 'read' any book.
- Are you house-bound? Enroll in our Shut-in Service, and a hamper of books will be delivered regularly.
- Do you need to learn English? Discover the many 'English for New Canadians' books.
- Are you having a party? Take out 'Star Wars' or 'Chariots of Fire' videocassettes for the evening.

Information about these services and many more are easily found in our new User Guide available at any library check-out counter.

1983 marked another year of growth: we enlarged and opened two levels of Cedarbrae District Library—the lower level being the Florence Cruickshank Community Room; we re-located and opened Eglinton Square Neighbourhood Branch Library in the new Eglinton Square Mall addition; we began building the new Port Union Neighbourhood Branch Library to be relocated in the Port Union Community Centre and Library complex; and the many helpful recommendations from the Taylor Advisory Committee will aid our preparation for a new Taylor Memorial Neighbourhood Branch Library. The funding for these improvements comes from the City Council, who wisely see the need for a good library system in Scarborough.

Why do our sixteen Scarborough public libraries operate so efficiently? Because of the dedication and hard work of everyone employed: from Management to Clerical to Maintenance to Pages, who together provide the answer. The Scarborough Public Library Board recognizes their continued effort on behalf of the residents of Scarborough.

**Flora McKinlay,**  
*Chairman,*

*Scarborough Public Library Board.*

## REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

The residents of the City of Scarborough during 1983 made record use of the public library services of the municipality. The members of the community visited the sixteen branches, the bookmobile and the film section to borrow 3,993,489 items and request answers to 1,032,301 questions.

The major objectives of the Board, of providing resources and increasing the use of those resources, in the areas of self-development, information dissemination, support of the cultural life of the people of Scarborough and emphasis on reading as a pleasurable experience, have been attained during 1983. The residents of Scarborough have certainly turned to the public library system for material to complement their formal and informal learning experience, as well as fulfilling their informational needs. The people who use the libraries for their general reading requirements have, quite literally, borrowed books by the millions.

There has been a considerable effort to help the twenty percent of the population whose mother tongue is other than English and French, to feel comfortable when using the facilities, by introducing programmes and materials that were helpful and attractive. The demand for library materials and events in many languages continues to increase in the City. Currently materials are available in twenty-eight languages in addition to English and French. The most popular languages continue to be Chinese, Korean, Italian, German and Gujarati.

The public library's resources include: 753,071 hardcover books; 163, 119 paperback books; 2,607 films, filmstrips and videotapes; 68,878 records and cassettes; 758 framed pictures; 4,508 microforms; and 890 toys. There are 989 different periodical titles purchased and the public library has reports and pam-

phlets from government, corporate and private services numbering in the tens of thousands.

The libraries of the City continued to provide programmes of special and current interest tailored to the needs of the neighbourhoods they serve. More than twenty-eight thousand adults attended over twelve hundred programmes during 1983 ranging through Adult Basic English, book clubs, film shows, multicultural events, lectures and special groups for women and senior citizens. Approximately eighty thousand children attended some thirty-four hundred programmes which included book clubs, class visits, film shows, story hours and puppet shows, and over sixteen hundred young adults attended one hundred and forty-seven programmes arranged for their special interests.

The total budget for 1983 amounted to \$9,513,770 which represents a cost of \$21.62 per resident or the cost of an average hardback book. The major part of the budget, 85%, comes from the Scarborough City Council and 10% from the Provincial Government with 5% being realized by levied charges and recoverables.

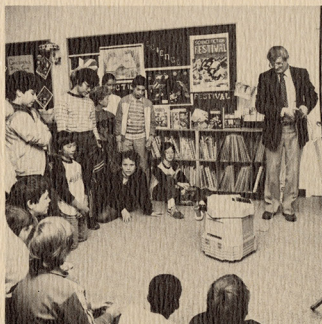
The responsibility for the management of the Scarborough Public Library system is in the hands of a nine-person Library Board, all of whom are residents of the City and volunteer their time and energy. The appointments are made by the Council of Scarborough, Scarborough Board of Education, Metropolitan Separate School Board and the Mayor, who appoints a representative from Council.

**Peter J. Bassnett,**  
*Director,*

*Scarborough Public Library Board*



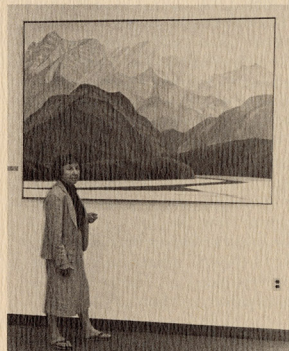
1. A robot performs during the system-wide Science Fiction Festival.



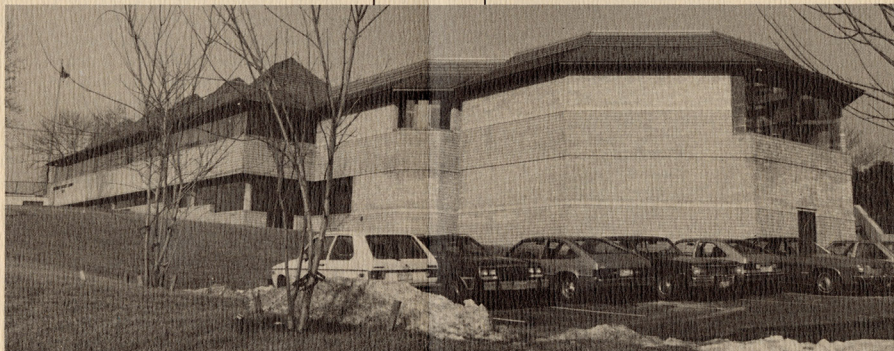
2. A library tradition — book discussion groups; author Constance Beresford-Howe.



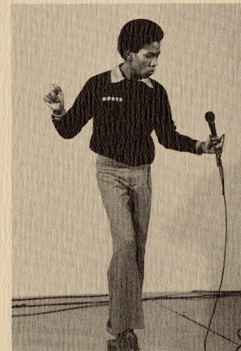
3. Official Opening of the Florence Cruickshank Community Room, Cedarbrae District Library, April 14; Alderman Florence Cruickshank and Mayor Gus Harris.



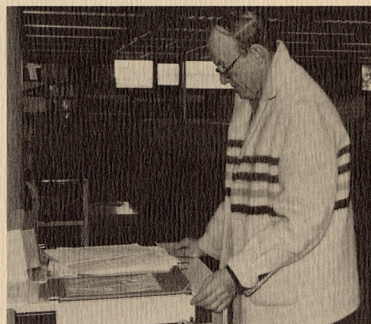
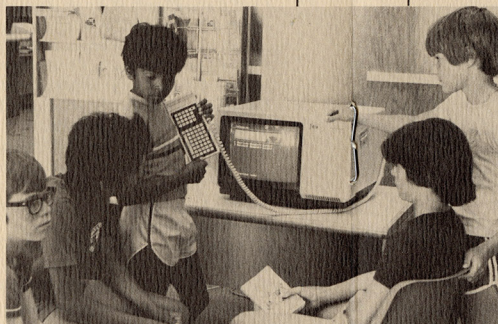
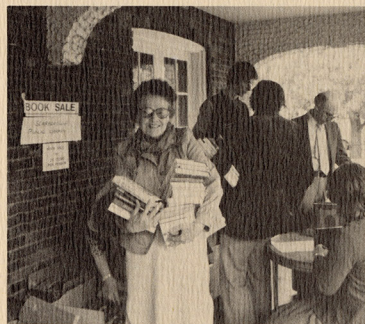
4. Art Exhibitions — Doris McCarthy and a spring showing of her paintings of the North.



5. Cedarbrae District Library expansion and renovation by The Moffat Kinoshita Partnership.



6. Devon Haughton performs in Caribbean Carousol, in celebration of Canadian Heritage Month.



7. Regular used book sales are enjoyed by the public.

8. Teleguide — selected Manpower job vacancies, world-wide weather and time zones, events and entertainment in Metropolitan Toronto and the Province.

9. Inexpensive photocopiers at all branches.



## *BUDGET*

<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>1983</i>
Administrative Support and Board Services	\$2,981,300
Public Services — <i>Special Services</i>	568,440
Public Services — <i>Cedarbrae District</i>	2,262,980
Public Services — <i>Albert Campbell District</i>	2,279,050
Public Services — <i>Northern District</i>	1,422,000
	<u>\$9,513,770</u>

<i>Revenue</i>	
City Grant	\$8,089,580
Provincial Grants	952,000
Levied Charges	152,500
Recoverables	201,000
Surplus	118,690
	<u>\$9,513,770</u>

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## *STATISTICS*

	<i>1983</i>
Items Borrowed	3,993,489
Questions	1,032,301
Programmes Held	4,795
Items in Collection	993,831

## *MEMBERS OF THE BOARD 1983*

Larry Hogan,  
*Chairman*  
*(January to September)*

Flora McKinlay,  
*Vice-Chairman*  
*(January to September)*

*Chairman*  
*(September to December)*

Susan Hunt,  
*Vice-Chairman*  
*(September to December)*

Sheila Churchmuch

Karen Moloney

Alderman Edith Montgomery

Charles E. Purvis

Reginald Rawkins

Diane Smith

## *ADMINISTRATION*

Peter J. Bassnett  
*Director and Secretary-Treasurer*

Ann Eddie  
*Assistant Director*

Joseph H. Ballett  
*Business Administrator*

Trevor W. Houghting  
*Assistant Business Administrator*

Lynne Blackmore  
*Personnel Officer*  
*(January to August)*

Susan Atkinson  
*Personnel Officer*  
*(November and December)*





## SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARIES

ALBERT CAMPBELL DISTRICT BRANCH 496 Birchmount Rd. ( <i>at Danforth Rd.</i> ) Film Services	698-1194 698-1191
CEDARBRAE DISTRICT BRANCH 545 Markham Rd. ( <i>S. of Lawrence Ave. E.</i> )	431-2222
AGINCOURT BRANCH Agincourt Mall, Sheppard Ave. E. ( <i>at Kennedy Rd.</i> )	293-7811
BENDALE BRANCH 1515 Danforth Rd. ( <i>at McCowan Rd.</i> )	431-9141
BRIDLEWOOD BRANCH Bridlewood Mall, Warden Ave. ( <i>at Finch Ave.</i> )	499-4284
CLIFFCREST BRANCH Cliffcrest Plaza, Kingston Rd. ( <i>at McCowan Rd.</i> )	266-5697
EGLINTON SQUARE BRANCH Eglinton Square Mall, Eglinton Ave. E. ( <i>at Victoria Pk. Ave.</i> )	755-3986
GUILDWOOD BRANCH Guildwood Plaza, Guildwood Pkwy. ( <i>at Livingston Rd.</i> )	266-4787
HIGHLAND CREEK BRANCH 277 Old Kingston Rd. ( <i>at Moorish Rd.</i> )	282-7211
MALVERN COMMUNITY BRANCH 30 Sewells Rd. ( <i>at Neilson Rd.</i> )	284-8779
MARYVALE BRANCH Parkway Plaza, Ellesmere Rd. ( <i>at Victoria Pk. Ave.</i> )	447-5922
McGREGOR PARK BRANCH 2219 Lawrence Ave. E. ( <i>at Birchmount Rd.</i> )	759-6757
MORNINGSIDE BRANCH Morningside Mall ( <i>at Kingston Rd.</i> )	282-3485
PORT UNION BRANCH 5530 Lawrence Ave. E. ( <i>at Port Union Rd.</i> )	282-7428
TAYLOR MEMORIAL BRANCH 1440 Kingston Rd. ( <i>at Warden Ave.</i> )	698-3481
WOODSIDE SQUARE BRANCH Woodside Square Mall, Finch Ave. ( <i>at McCowan Rd.</i> )	291-9437
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE 1076 Ellesmere Rd. ( <i>at Midland Ave.</i> ) Bookmobile Department	291-1991 Ext. 42

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