

 THE
SCARBOROUGH
PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD

Annual report 1986



REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The past year has been an important one for the Library Board in several ways. It has been a year of growth throughout the system as our circulation increased to record numbers. Naturally, as the population of the City grows, and as more housing is built in the north, our libraries come under ever-increasing pressure. In fact, in many branches there are waiting lists for programmes, line-ups at circulation desks and, often, no seating available for those who wish to read or study. Inevitably then, the theme running through all the Library Board's activities this year has been planning for new branches.

Northern District Library, our new 25,000 square foot library that will serve the north of Scarborough as Cedarbrae and Campbell District Libraries serve the south, took pride of place. Complications in land negotiations have delayed the projected opening of this library until the fall of 1989. The Board has chosen Baldwin and Franklin as our architects so that we will have professional guidance in our negotiations with developers concerning the site.

Steeles Neighbourhood Branch, a plaza branch at Warden and Bamburgh Circle, was delayed this year because of construction difficulties. However, the year was put to good use preparing for the spring '87 opening. The Kennedy/Eglinton Neighbourhood Branch, twice postponed because of budget constraints, is in the planning stages again, as the Board continues its search for an appropriate location. Location has also been a concern for a branch scheduled well in the future: Highland Creek. The site at Ellesmere and Morriess Roads was completely re-evaluated by the Board in the spring. Public comment was sought at a large meeting in June at the Civic Centre. As a result, the Board reconfirmed its decision to build on

Ellesmere Road and Council resolved to buy the land for the Board.

In April, we were very proud that the re-developed Taylor Memorial Neighbourhood Branch, which opened in June of 1985, received second prize in the City's Urban Design Awards. It was chosen by architect Jerome Markson from among 22 entrants. He wrote "what a pleasure to see such a charming new small scale library on a busy street like Kingston Road" and talked about "the loving care the architects put into this gentle piece of urbanism".

The new Federal Government's Copyright Legislation was a national issue which concerned the Board at length this year. The government's White Paper, 'A Charter of Rights for Creators', is heavily weighted on the side of creators of material. We hope that the new legislation will reflect the concerns of the library community and not restrict access to information in Canada or force costly administrative procedures on libraries. The Scarborough Public Library Board has initiated a Metro-wide committee of Public Library Boards to deal with this issue. We were pleased to see the Scarborough Public School Board also taking a leadership role on copyright by advising Public School Boards across Ontario of their concerns.

Finally, this year was a milestone for the Library Board since it was the first that public library boards across Ontario operated under the new provincial library act. The Scarborough Public Library Board now consists of four politicians from Council and five citizen appointees. The composition of the Board may have changed, but its function has not; it exists to provide the best service possible for the public in Scarborough. If we or our fine staff can do so more effectively, please let us know.

Susan Hunt
Chairman
Scarborough Public Library Board

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

The residents of the City of Scarborough turned to the public library system for material to complement their formal and informal learning experiences, as well as fulfilling their informational needs, in record numbers during 1986. Approximately 242,000 citizens carried current library cards making 3,183,149 visits to the sixteen branches, bookmobile and film sections. The users of the branch libraries borrowed 4,256,007 items and requested answers to 911,640 questions. The above figures represent increases from 2.8% for items borrowed to 11.4% for the estimated annual visits to the facilities of the Library Board.

Although the major user of the public library's services are the adults of Scarborough, considerable attention is paid to the younger people of the population. In 1986 the many new neighbourhoods attracted young families and the opportunity was taken to stimulate the appreciation of books and reading by reading aloud to children from infancy onward. One programme, entitled 'Introducing Books to Babies', offered in three branches, which introduced parents to the best books to start with and how children learn was popular throughout the City. The children's services arranged for over a dozen internationally known children's authors to visit the branches and talk to thousands of children and their parents.

In developing contact with the community, staff worked with social services, businesses, community co-ordinating groups, educational, legal and cultural institutions to provide materials and services and to gather information for and on these groups. Meeting rooms were made available to community groups for a wide range of subjects from concerns on landfill to literacy to mental health problems.

The Board continued its endeavours to organize collections and services for residents who speak 29 languages other than English and French. These services ranged from collections of books, audio and videocassettes to citizenship, informational, language and cultural pro-

grammes designed to assist residents of various cultural backgrounds to fully participate in society and to retain and share their culture. The highest circulating languages during 1986 were Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Hindi, German and Korean. Newcomers' programmes were offered at many branches and approximately 180 students took advantage of the Community English Language Programmes offered in the three library districts of the City.

The use of videocassettes continued to increase and the 16mm film usage was still an important part of the training and programming of community groups such as boy scouts, girl guides, Catholic Children's Aid, Metro Toronto Housing, Tropicana, mental health groups and day care groups across the City of Scarborough.

The public library's resources grew to 870,902 hardcover books, 212,440 paperback books, 4,280 films and videocassettes, 97,221 records and cassettes, 945 framed pictures, 4,928 microforms and 1,227 toys. There were 1,017 different periodical titles purchased and the public library has reports and pamphlets from government, corporate, and private sources numbering in the tens of thousands.

The total budget for 1986 amounted to \$12,497,100 which represents a cost of twenty-seven dollars and five (\$27.05) cents per citizen which is below the average cost of a hardcover non-fiction book. The major part of the budget, 87%, comes from the Scarborough City Council, 8% comes from the Provincial Government and the remaining 5% is 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. All appointments are made by the Council of the City of Scarborough and include four members of the Council and recommendations for appointment from the Scarborough Board of Education and the Metropolitan Separate School Board.

Peter J. Bassnett
Director and Secretary Treasurer
Scarborough Public Library Board



1 — June Morrison of Cedarbrae District Library shows off glass sculptures by artist Alfred Engerer.

COVER — Rachel Quirk and Cheryl and Michael Alexander explore books at the Summer Safari Reading Club.



2 — Photographer Lydia Palij exhibited her works at Bendale Branch Library.



3 — Martha Oliveira and Peter Galanis play Library Bingo at Cliffcrest Branch Library.



4 — Scarborough Mayor Gus Harris, Library Board Chairman Susan Hunt and Mr. Hikaru Oka, Consul General of Japan, peruse books donated by The Japan Foundation.



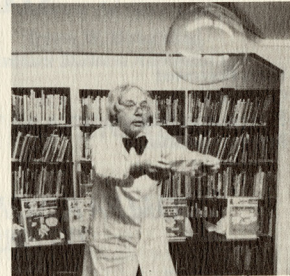
5 — Young library users listen to Cedarbrae District Library's tape selections during Ontario Public Library Week.



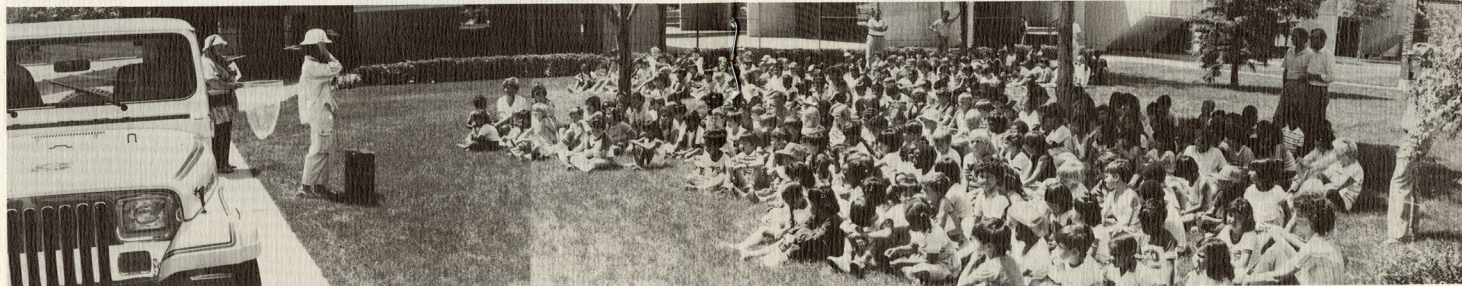
6 — Carol Ives, Branch Head of Bendale Library, receives a family history donated by the author Adam J. Graham.



7 — Scarborough Centre M.P. Pauline Browes visits with a young library patron at Morningside Branch Library.



8 — Dr. Zed of Owl Magazine (alias Gordon Penrose) creates a giant bubble at Taylor Memorial Branch Library.



9 — Children and Young Adult Co-ordinator Eva Martin and Children's Librarian Naomi Larry talk about the Summer Safari Reading Club at a local public school.

BUDGET

Expenditures

	1986	1985
Administrative Support and Board Services	\$ 3,728,200	\$ 3,061,900
Public Services — <i>Special Services</i>	715,900	666,100
Public Services — <i>Southeastern District</i>	2,818,000	2,605,860
Public Services — <i>Southwestern District</i>	3,123,800	2,884,580
Public Services — <i>Northern District</i>	2,111,200	2,116,220
	<u>\$12,497,100</u>	<u>\$11,334,660</u>

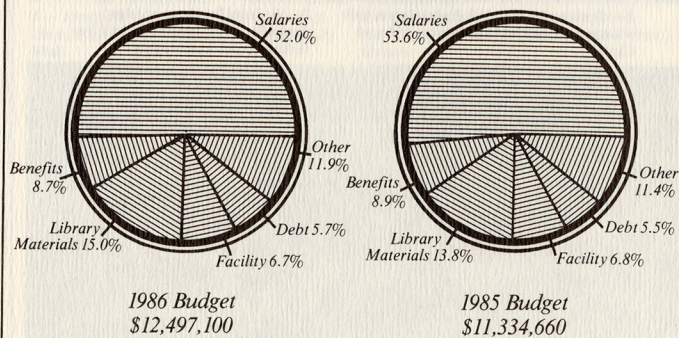
Revenue

	1986	1985
City Grant	\$10,810,600	\$ 9,792,160
Provincial Grants	1,052,700	1,030,000
Levied Charges	190,500	180,000
Recoverables	228,000	228,000
Surplus	215,300	104,500
	<u>\$12,497,100</u>	<u>\$11,334,660</u>

STATISTICS

	1986	1985
Items Borrowed	4,256,007	4,140,517
Questions	911,640	851,432
Programmes Held	3,914	4,211
Items in Collection	1,191,943	1,133,030

COMPARISON OF 1986 BUDGET TO 1985 BUDGET



MEMBERS OF THE BOARD 1986

Susan Hunt, <i>Chairman</i>	John Mackie, Alderman <i>(January to October)</i>
C. Richard Goldsmith, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Jean McLaren
Kurt Christensen, Alderman	Karen Moloney
Marjorie Daw	Maureen Prinsloo, Alderman
Frank Faubert, Controller	
Doug Mahood, Alderman <i>(November and December)</i>	

ADMINISTRATION

Peter J. Bassnett,
Director and Secretary Treasurer

Ann S. Eddie,
Deputy Director

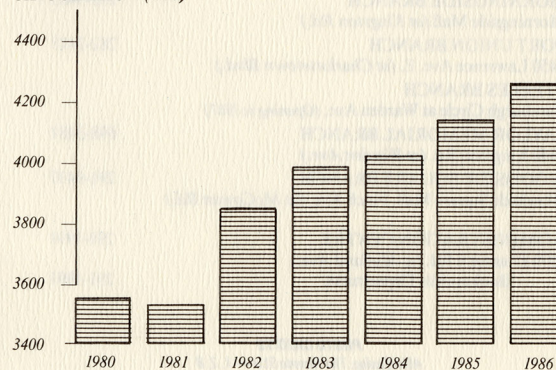
Susan J. Atkinson,
Personnel Officer

Joseph H. Ballett,
Business Administrator

Trevor W. Houghting,
Assistant Business Administrator

CIRCULATION OF MATERIALS

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More extensive reports and statistical figures are available in the Annual Review 1986 which is available for perusal at all branch libraries of the Scarborough Public Library Board.

SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARIES

ALBERT CAMPBELL DISTRICT LIBRARY	698-1194
496 Birchmount Rd. (<i>at Danforth Rd.</i>)	
Film Services	698-1191
CEDARBRAE DISTRICT LIBRARY	431-2222
545 Markham Rd. (<i>S. of Lawrence Ave. E.</i>)	
AGINCOURT BRANCH	293-7811
Agincourt Mall, Sheppard Ave. E. (<i>at Kennedy Rd.</i>)	
BENDALE BRANCH	431-9141
1515 Danforth Rd. (<i>at McCowan Rd.</i>)	
BRIDLEWOOD BRANCH	499-4284
Bridlewood Mall, Warden Ave. (<i>at Finch Ave.</i>)	
CLIFFCREST BRANCH	266-5697
Cliffcrest Plaza, Kingston Rd. (<i>at McCowan Rd.</i>)	
EGLINTON SQUARE BRANCH	755-3986
Eglinton Square Mall, Eglinton Ave. E. (<i>at Victoria Park Ave.</i>)	
GUILDWOOD BRANCH	266-4787
Guildwood Plaza, Guildwood Pkwy. (<i>at Livingston Rd.</i>)	
HIGHLAND CREEK BRANCH	282-7211
277 Old Kingston Rd. (<i>at Watson St.</i>)	
MALVERN COMMUNITY BRANCH	284-8779
30 Sewells Rd. (<i>at Neilson Rd.</i>)	
MARYVALE BRANCH	447-5922
Parkway Plaza, Ellesmere Rd. (<i>at Victoria Park Ave.</i>)	
MCGREGOR PARK BRANCH	759-6757
2219 Lawrence Ave. E. (<i>at Birchmount Rd.</i>)	
MORNINGSIDE BRANCH	282-3485
Morningside Mall (<i>at Kingston Rd.</i>)	
PORT UNION BRANCH	282-7428
5450 Lawrence Ave. E. (<i>at Charlottetown Blvd.</i>)	
STEELES BRANCH	
Bamburgh Circle at Warden Ave. (<i>Opening in 1987</i>)	
TAYLOR MEMORIAL BRANCH	698-3481
1440 Kingston Rd. (<i>at Warden Ave.</i>)	
WOODSIDE SQUARE BRANCH	291-9437
Woodside Square Mall, Finch Ave. (<i>at McCowan Rd.</i>)	
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE	291-1991
1076 Ellesmere Rd. (<i>at Midland Ave.</i>)	
Bookmobile Department	291-1991

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