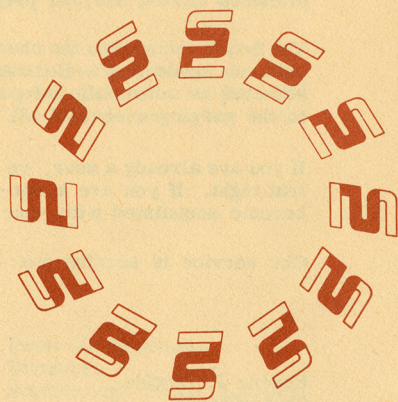


SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

report of 1976





1976 STATISTICS	
ITEMS BORROWED - BOOKS, FILMS, RECORDS, CASSETTES, AND PICTURES	2,927,758
QUESTIONS ANSWERED	412,532
PROGRAMMES HELD	3,970
ITEMS IN COLLECTION: BOOKS, FILMS, RECORDS, CASSETTES, PICTURES AND MICROFORMS	655,653

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The year 1976 has been an interesting and challenging one for the Library Board. In responding to these demands, we have endeavoured to maintain the high level of library service you, the people of Scarborough, have come to expect.

The main event of the year was the opening on May 5th of the Bridlewood Public Library, the thirteenth branch of the Scarborough Public Library system. The Board acknowledges the valuable assistance from the Advisory Committee of area residents who worked with staff to plan library services, programme trends and details of the Official Opening. Their success was evident in the large attendance at that gala night. It has been proven that the initial responsiveness of the community continued throughout the year. The Board feels this branch is largely responsible for the increased circulation in 1976.

Another highlight of the year was the Bookmobile Design Contest. The large number of designs submitted was another indication of enthusiastic support for a library idea designed for community involvement. Four entries were selected from the ninety-nine received, and from them Cedarbrae student, Risto Turunen's design was chosen. It will be executed on the two bookmobiles in the spring of 1977.

In June a cut back on hours of service in most branches was regretfully put into effect due to budget cuts. This is the largest challenge facing the Board: how to maintain, even maximize, service in the face of ever increasing costs, while keeping within budget restraints.

The magnitude of this problem can be seen in looking at the growth of the Borough and the library system in ten year periods. In 1956, four branches served a population of 131,709 people. By 1966, seven branches served 266,539 people. By 1976, thirteen branches served 380,931 people.

The Board recognizes the changing needs of the community as more people from different cultures settle in the Borough. The increasing necessity for expanded Senior Citizens' services is constantly before the Board and the staff. We will continue to be responsive to the varying wishes of all the people of Scarborough.

If you are already a user, we hope you will continue to enjoy that right. If you are a non-user, we warmly invite you to become acquainted with your library.

Our service is serving you.

Eugene J. Bowles,
Chairman,
Scarborough Public Library Board.



1976 BUDGET	
EXPENDITURES	
STAFFING	\$ 2,791,500.00
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	353,620.00
SERVICES	488,300.00
MATERIALS	489,000.00
SUNDRIES	87,950.00
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	\$ 4,210,370.00
REVENUE	
BOROUGH GRANT	\$ 3,384,700.00
PROVINCIAL GRANT	652,552.00
LEVIED CHARGES	90,000.00
RECOVERABLES	22,000.00
SURPLUS	61,118.00
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	\$ 4,210,370.00

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

The population of Scarborough made extensive use of the public library's services and facilities during 1976. People who were in search of information, education, relaxation and general cultural fulfillment borrowed 2,927,758 books, films, records, magazines and cassettes. These items were borrowed by people of all ages: some very young, who were just discovering the joy of reading; and some very old, who needed talking books because their eyesight was failing. For those whose cultural background was neither French nor English, books in forty different languages were available.

During the year 412,532 questions were asked by the curious, the busy, the learned, the desperate and the political, for information as a commodity is in ever-increasing demand.

The programmes of the library system were attended by 102,736 men, women and children and they came to see films, listen to lectures, discuss books, see demonstrations of crafts, learn about contemporary problems, listen to stories, watch puppet-shows and all manner of other activities arranged by the library staff at 3,970 different programmes.

All this activity, in addition to the support and administrative services, took place in thirteen libraries, one service building and two bookmobiles. The work was accomplished by 184 full-time and 48 part-time staff, all managed by a nine-person Library Board appointed by the two Boards of Education and the Borough Council.

The public library system, which is mainly financed by a grant from the Borough Council, is staffed by people who work hard to achieve effective library service within its financial resources and make this service available to all of the 380,000 people living in the Borough of Scarborough.

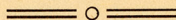
Peter J. Bassnett,
Director,
Scarborough Public Library.

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SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARIES



ALBERT CAMPBELL DISTRICT BRANCH 496 Birchmount Rd. (at Danforth Rd.) Audio-Visual Dept.	698-1194 698-1191
CEDARBRAE DISTRICT BRANCH 545 Markham Rd. (S. of Lawrence Ave. E.)	431-2222
AGINCOURT BRANCH Agincourt Mall, Sheppard Ave. E. at Kennedy Road	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 Plaza (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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1076 Ellesmere Rd. (at Midland Ave.)	