

THE
SCARBOROUGH
PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD

Annual report 1984



REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

1984 — A Good Year for Scarborough Public Libraries in:

All Branches — All 16 library branches are now fully computerized. This really means that staff can discover in seconds where any book is at a given moment. This system helps you locate the books and materials you want, and helps us in many other ways too. For instance: Do you know how busy libraries are? From 1,400 to 5,200 items are circulated each hour which, totalled, are over 4 million in 1984. A computer assisted circulation control system certainly helps you, the patron, the staff, the management and the Board to be accurately informed about Scarborough's public library services.

Southeast Scarborough — In September, the Port Union Neighbourhood Branch relocated in lovely new facilities as part of the Port Union Recreation Centre and Public Library. A programme room, plus added shelves and books, has greatly increased the attraction and use of this branch.

Southwest Scarborough — The old Taylor home, which had been used for many years as the Taylor Memorial Neighbourhood Branch Library, now no longer exists. Rising from its foundation is a beautiful new library which will undoubtedly be a landmark on Kingston Road. When it is opened in the spring of

1985 you will be able to enjoy such features as a fireplace reading corner, an outdoor courtyard, a separate-entrance programme room, a beautiful watercolour of the old Taylor house painted by Scarborough artist Nikita Marner, and sunlight streaming through the old stained glass window.

Central Scarborough — A new branch to serve Ionview and Kennedy Park residents has had capital funding approved by Council. Since this new service has been in our long range plans since 1978 we know you will be pleased that your City Council has seen the need for an older, established area to have locally available library services similar to many other areas of Scarborough.

North Scarborough — Coming closer to realization is a large District Library for the area north of Highway #401. The Council has tentatively approved capital funding for 1986.

Every community in Scarborough is important to your Library Board and its Administrators. We exist to serve the library patrons. If you approve or have any questions about your public library services, we are always glad to hear from you.

Flora McKinlay
Chairman

Scarborough Public Library Board

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

During 1984, the 160,000 citizens of Scarborough possessing library cards made record use of the services provided by the Scarborough Public Library Board. The registered users made 2,843,588 visits to the sixteen branches, bookmobile and film section, borrowing 4,011,432 items and receiving 936,933 answers to questions both simple and complex. To support this activity in the branches, the collection now comprises: 799,575 hardcover books; 182,308 paperback books; 2,373 16mm films and videotapes; 78,432 records and cassettes; 877 framed pictures; 4,632 microforms; 1,045 toys; and 979 periodical titles. In addition, the library system has reports and pamphlets from government, corporate and private sources numbering in the tens of thousands.

The services to those whose sight is impaired continued to expand during the year as fifty-two people joined the Talking Book Users' Group, bringing the number of users to just under one hundred. The delivery service to home readers, who are people unable to leave their homes because of illness or disabilities, was continued to 150 people throughout Scarborough. In addition, deliveries were made to ten institutions which receive deposits, and twelve institutions which receive materials and are staffed with reader advisors.

The focus of the year was on serving the twenty percent of the population whose mother tongue is other than English and French. The number of multicultural items grew to 41,854 in 1984. Twenty-eight languages were available of which the most popular continued to be Chinese, Korean, German, Italian and Gujarati. Special story hours were offered in Chinese and Greek by working with resource people from the com-

munity. There were 416 multicultural programmes attended by 10,821 people.

For the younger user, 1984 saw the introduction of a special five-week course for parents and infants called "Introducing Books for Babies". This course was held in four branches and, along with such other programmes as Tales for Twos and Preschool Story Hour, was fully booked and had waiting lists. Approximately seventy thousand children attended some thirty-two hundred programmes during the year, which included book clubs, class visits, film shows, story hours and puppet shows. For the young adults, the ninety programmes arranged for their special interests were attended by approximately one thousand teenagers.

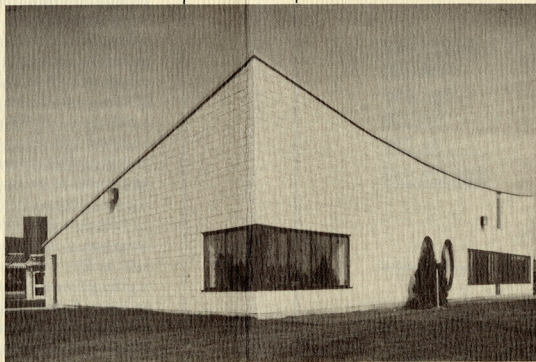
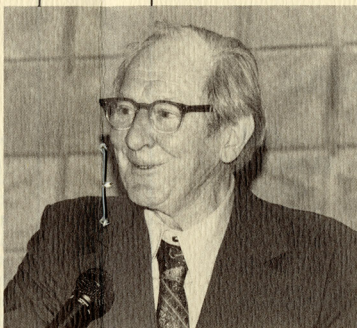
The total budget for 1984 amounted to \$10,294,910, representing a cost of \$23.18 per resident, which is below the average cost of a hardback non-fiction book. The major part of the budget, 87%, comes from the Scarborough City Council and 9% is from the Provincial Government as a per capita grant, with another 4% being realized by levied charges and recoverables.

The responsibility for the management of the Scarborough Public Library system is with 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 City Council of Scarborough, Scarborough Board of Education, Metropolitan Separate School Board, and the Mayor who appoints a representative from the City Council.

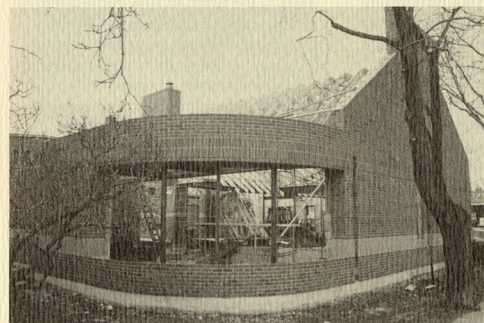
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Director

Scarborough Public Library Board

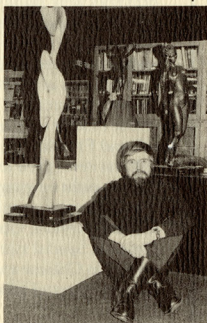
1. Dignitaries officially open the Port Union Recreation Centre and Public Library, Sept. 24.
 2. A library tradition—"Meet The Author" programmes. Hugh MacLennan drew a large audience, May 24.
 3. Microcomputer courses for children 6-12 years was funded by a Summer Employment grant. James Lord instructs.



4. A Hispanic-American Celebration—was enjoyed by adults and children alike. Dec. 1.



5. Port Union Branch's new location in the Port Union Recreation Centre and Public Library, 5450 Lawrence Ave. E.



6. Children came from all over to meet England's Rhubarb the Clown during Fanfare '84 celebrations.

7. Taylor Memorial Neighbourhood Branch at the time of the Date-stone Setting Ceremony, Dec. 13.
 8. Art Exhibitions—"Dutch Heritage in Art" to mark Canadian Heritage Month. Sculptor Tom Feenstra.
 9. Senior Citizens participate in the 16th annual Billy O'Connor Show.
 Cover: A historic Fort York programme.

BUDGET

<i>Expenditures</i>	<u><i>1984</i></u>
Administrative Support and Board Services	\$3,142,200
Public Services — <i>Special Services</i>	607,240
Public Services — <i>Southeastern District</i>	2,477,570
Public Services — <i>Southwestern District</i>	2,535,760
Public Services — <i>Northern District</i>	<u>1,532,140</u>
	<u>\$10,294,910</u>

<i>Revenue</i>	
City Grant	\$8,927,560
Provincial Grants	948,000
Levied Charges	161,050
Recoverables	216,570
Surplus	<u>41,730</u>
	<u>\$10,294,910</u>

STATISTICS

	<u><i>1984</i></u>
Items Borrowed	4,011,432
Questions	936,933
Programmes Held	4,560
Items in Collection	1,069,242

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD 1984

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Chairman

Susan Hunt,
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Assistant Business Administrator

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SCARBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARIES

ALBERT CAMPBELL DISTRICT BRANCH	698-1194
496 Birchmount Rd. (<i>at Danforth Rd.</i>)	
Film Services	698-1191
CEDARBRAE DISTRICT BRANCH	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 Pk. 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 Moorish Rd.</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 Pk. 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>)	
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	Ext. 42

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