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2016 UPDATE FROM

Toronto Public Library Foundation

JENNIFER JONES
PRESIDENT



What a privilege it is to join the Toronto Public Library Foundation this year and have the opportunity to build on its almost two decades of success. As we look to the Foundation's 20th anniversary, it's exciting to see the potential for creating even more awareness about how essential Toronto Public Library is as it helps build a vital and resilient city, and how individual and corporate donations enhance the great work they do. With the continued support from our supporters, we will inspire more Torontonians to join us in accelerating the world class services, programming and technology TPL delivers every day, online and in its 100 beautiful branches throughout the city.

GILLIAN SMITH
CHAIR OF THE BOARD



I've had the distinct pleasure of being on the Board since 2008, with the past three as Chair of the Toronto Public Library Foundation. I have seen many exciting changes - but none more dramatic than the expansion of digital innovation at Toronto Public Library. The need for equal access to technology, for all Torontonians cannot be overstated, and the Foundation has been focused on seeking out donors who believe in, and help support, this vital priority. This year Google became a new strategic partner; together we are making impressive strides to ensure the Library remains the great equalizer and nobody gets left behind. As I approach my final year as Chair, I look forward to celebrating the Foundation's 20th anniversary and helping Jennifer and her team achieve their ambitious fundraising goals.





RUNNYMEDE BRANCH

2016

The Year in Review

In 2016, Toronto Public Library (TPL) had the highest usage since 1998, as it remains relevant for the ever-changing and diverse communities it serves across the city.

4,700

DONORS

\$75 million

RAISED SINCE 1997

\$1 INVESTED = \$5.63 ECONOMIC IMPACT

145,000

NEW LIBRARY
REGISTRATIONS
ANNUALLY

TPL CREATES OVER
\$1 BILLION

IN TOTAL ECONOMIC
IMPACT ANNUALLY

CHILDREN

Every summer over

300,000

children across Canada
take part in the
TD Summer Reading Club

PROGRAMS

40,744 PROGRAMS

962,024 ATTENDEES

**24,945 BENEFIT FROM
YOUTH HUB PROGRAMS**

TORONTONIANS



**70%
USE THE
LIBRARY**

**95%
VERY
SATISFIED
USERS**

1,190,636

LIBRARY MEMBERS

18 million

VISITS

34,328,435

VIRTUAL VISITS

\$502

VALUE OF SERVICES

**TPL USERS GET ON
AVERAGE PER YEAR**

BRIDGING THE TECH DIVIDE

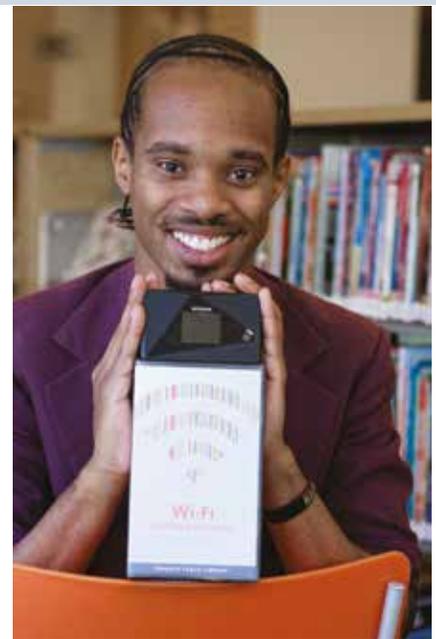
Google-supported Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending Library Takes Families Online

Broadband Internet is something most of us take for granted, right? Not if you're one of the 210 low-income households that took part in our Wi-Fi hotspot lending library pilot. Made possible through a generous donation from tech giant Google Canada, this innovative program provided free home Internet via portable Wi-Fi hotspots, that could be signed out of a local library.

The pilot, we're pleased to report, had a big impact on participating families. According to City Librarian Vickery Bowles, "People who can't afford broadband Internet at home are at a significant disadvantage when it comes to school, looking for jobs or accessing government services and education. Internet access is essential in our digital world."

Six branches were chosen to facilitate lending of the Wi-Fi hotspots during the pilot phase: Albion, Cedarbrae, Evelyn Gregory, Parliament Street, Thorncliffe and York Woods. Each hotspot could be borrowed for up to six months, after which they were returned and made available to additional families.

At launch, Sam Sebastian, Google Canada's Managing Director explained that, "Lending Wi-Fi hotspots to households who don't have access to the Internet is a simple, effective way to help those who need broadband and technology the most. Through this project, Google hopes to give some of the most underserved in our city a way to bridge the tech divide."



MUSIC TO OUR EARS

Sun Life Financial Musical Instrument Lending Library

It isn't every day that you see JUNO Award-winning artists Raine Maida and Chantel Kreviazuk at the Parkdale branch. But then, it isn't every day that we announce something as exciting as Toronto's first musical instrument lending library.

Thanks to the generous donation from Sun Life Financial's Making Art More Accessible program, on April 5 the Library launched a program supporting would-be musicians of all ages so they could borrow instruments of their choice - anything from a classical guitar, to a trumpet or Dholak (a South Asian hand drum) with a Library card. The Sun Life Financial Musical Instrument Lending Library is not only the first of its kind in Toronto, it is also the first in a public library anywhere in Canada.





TD SUMMER READING CLUB

School's Out For Summer

Supported by a generous \$2.6 million donation from TD Bank Group, this free program, developed by Toronto Public Library in partnership with Library and Archives Canada, has grown to include more than 2,000 public libraries across Canada. Designed to help kids deepen a passion for reading, TD Summer Reading Club now helps more than 300,000 students across Canada each year build their literacy skills over the summer holidays.

According to Lisa Heggum, child & youth advocate with TPL, the TD sponsored program helps kids get the most out of their summer, while preparing them for the new school year ahead.

“Reading is a fun activity that can easily be incorporated into any summer vacation”, Lisa says. “Having kids continue to read throughout the summer can fuel creativity and stimulate a child’s vocabulary and imagination.”

For their part, TD Bank Group is happy to support a program that touches the lives of so many Canadian children. Frank McKenna, Deputy Chair of TD Bank Group stated, “TD is proud to support reading and literacy programs that foster a joy of reading, while building crucial literacy skills to help children succeed at school, and beyond.”

“Children who don’t read over the summer risk losing up to three months of hard-earned reading progress. Even short bursts of reading can increase a child’s confidence, preparing them to go back to school.”

LISA HEGGUM
MANAGER, YOUTH SERVICES
& SPECIAL PROJECTS



TD GALLERY

Showcasing exhibits and programs that engage audiences with storytelling that is evocative of a past era, and yet still relevant for today. Stories are told and histories are explored through rare and unique art, artifacts, manuscripts and books – curated from over four million pieces collected by the Library since the early 1900s.

TD HERITAGE PROGRAMS

TD Bank Group’s Heritage Program series provides authentic and expert voices that appeal to a broad range of Torontonians who embrace diversity, seek opportunities to engage with their community, and have a desire to learn about culture and history.

Thanks to TD Bank Group’s generous support of TPL’s Cultural Heritage Programming, library branches across the city continue to implement over 150 cultural programs, events and experiences each year during Black History Month, Asian Heritage Month and the Indigenous Celebration Months.



YOUNG VOICES

Inspiring Our Next Generation of Authors and Artists

What would libraries be without writers to fill them with books? The aim of the annual Young Voices Writers' Conference is to ensure we never have to find out! As a compilation of Young Voices, TPL's own teen writing and visual art magazine, the 2016 Young Writers' Conference saw 145 aspiring Toronto writers take part in workshops on writing comics, plays, creative use of language and more.

For budding young writers, the annual conference offers a supportive community, and a space to confidently develop their creative voice.

"Writing is so private and it has been hard for my daughter to find others who express themselves through writing," said a mother of one of the participants. "She's really happy for the opportunity to learn and for a way young people can support each other."

Young Voices is supported in part by generous donations from the Daniels brothers, made in honour of their mother, Norine Rose, and Deloitte.

FRIENDS OF TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY NORTH AND SOUTH CHAPTERS

Over \$1.8 Million Raised by Dedicated Volunteers

For more than two decades, the Friends of Toronto Public Library have raised thousands each year through the sale of used books at Book Ends stores at North York Central branch, at Toronto Reference Library and through special sales events. In 2016, this devoted group of volunteers reached an impressive milestone - \$1.8 million in donations raised to benefit the Library! As faithful supporters of TPL children's literacy programs, the Friends allocate their donation to Leading to Reading, Elementary School Outreach, Storytime Outreach, Young Voices, and Family Literacy Month at the Library.



The Norman and Marian Robertson Charitable Foundation

The Norman and Marian Robertson Charitable Foundation has generously given close to \$500,000 in funding support for more than 15 years to benefit the Library's Osborne Collection of Early Children's Books. This valued support enables TPL to preserve the rare and fragile materials in the collection, and to promote the collection, its services and programs.

FROM THE ESTATE OF LILLY QUACK

A Gift to Expand Services for Visually-Challenged Library Users

An avid supporter of the Library, Lilly Quack made a \$650,000 estate gift to Toronto Public Library specifically to assist those who are visually impaired. The generous donation was designated to expanding the Library's collection of e-books, large print and talking books in order to support seniors and those who use the Home Library Service. Home Library service is available for Toronto residents who are homebound due to age, illness or disability.



HUSH HUSH

Annual New Collection Party Raises \$60,000

In October 2016, the Bloor/Gladstone branch was transformed into an after-hours **#PartyInTheStacks**. Three-hundred heroes and villains attended the action-packed fundraiser to support TPL's Young Voices – a suite of programs and workshops providing creative opportunities for youth to work directly with professional authors and artists, and for many, have their work published in the Young Voices magazine.

Hush Hush was launched in 2013 by New Collection, a members program offering young professionals (under 45) exclusive access to the city's vibrant literary scene and networking opportunities. It's not a book club, it's an all-access pass to events that bring together culturally curious city-builders with prominent writers, artists and intellectuals, all in support of Toronto Public Library. Hosted in cultural hotspots, including our library branches, New Collection events feature top authors and thought-provokers such as Justin Trudeau, Margaret Atwood, Scaachi Koul, Mike Babcock, Kelly Oxford, and Kevin Kwan.

Since the event's inception, Hush Hush has raised \$240,000 for the world's busiest urban public library, and will celebrate its fifth anniversary in 2017.

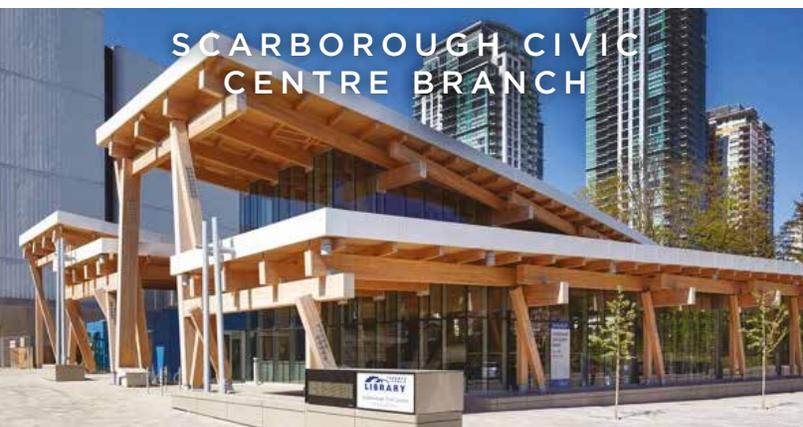




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2016 CUTTING EDGE LECTURE SERIES

Exploring New Ideas at the Intersection of Health and Technology

Funded through a generous \$225,000 gift from the Krembil Foundation in 2015, The Cutting Edge speaker series in 2016 featured a fascinating lecture from Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee, Pulitzer Prize winner, Rhodes Scholar and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Columbia University.

Dr. Mukherjee's lecture, *It's All About You: How Individualized Medicine has Revolutionized the Way We Treat Cancer*, was presented to a full house. Foundation guests were welcomed with a cocktail meet and greet with Dr. Mukherjee at the Toronto Reference Library, followed by a public lecture in the Bram & Bluma Appel Salon.

The Toronto Public Library Foundation is grateful for the Krembil Foundation's generous three-year commitment to ensure the broad public has free access to the latest, and best available, health and technology-related information at Toronto Public Library through support of elevated programming, enhanced collections and specialized staff training.

ANNUAL DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Celebrating Years of Giving

Donors gathered on September 19 at the Toronto Reference Library for the Annual Donor Appreciation Event to celebrate the year's accomplishments and reinforce the importance and impact of TPL's giving community.

City Librarian Vickery Bowles shared Toronto Public Library's newly launched 2016 Strategic Plan and told a powerful story of how the Library is helping make Toronto a Smart City by improving access, expanding opportunities and building connections for all Torontonians.





CHRIS HADFIELD

Think Like an Astronaut

On November 11, 2016, our sold-out “Think Like an Astronaut” event gave students an incredible opportunity to interact with Canada’s favourite astronaut via incredible new telepresence technology from Cisco Systems.

Sponsored by the Bluma Appel Community Trust, “Think Like an Astronaut” connected students at five locations (four TPL branches and a Deer Lake First Nations classroom) with Chris Hadfield, who shared how he made his childhood dream of going to space a reality.

In addition to offering the students first-hand advice on the importance of setting goals, the launch demonstrated how Cisco’s new technology is opening new doors for the TPL and Ontario students.

“We’re so excited about this technology and the potential it has to extend library programs and services,” said City Librarian Vickery Bowles. “This special launch event is just the first of many programs that will broaden the Library’s outreach and enhance learning opportunities for the youth of Toronto and more broadly, Ontario.”

Stay tuned for more events and developments as we explore this amazing new technology.

CHINESE CANADIAN ARCHIVE

Grand Opening of Historical Collection

From the distant past to the present, Chinese Canadians have played an important role in defining who we are as a city. Until recently however, their stories hadn’t yet found a home within the TPL archival and historical collections.

We’re proud to say that on November 29, 2016 all that changed with the opening of the Chinese Canadian Archive. During a launch event at the Toronto Reference Library, donors and community members were recognized for their hard work, gifts and commitment to the project.

Speaking at the event, City Librarian Vickery Bowles explained, “Toronto Public Library is honoured to be the home of this collection of important archives. This is an opportunity to share the history of Chinese Canadians and their immigration and settlement in Canada.”

The Library is in the process of hiring a professional archivist who will catalogue the materials so anyone can have access to them in the Marilyn & Charles Baillie Special Collections Centre on the 5th floor, or virtually through the Library’s Digital Archive, 24/7. TPL is committed to maintaining the Archive as an enduring record of the Chinese Canadian community in Toronto.



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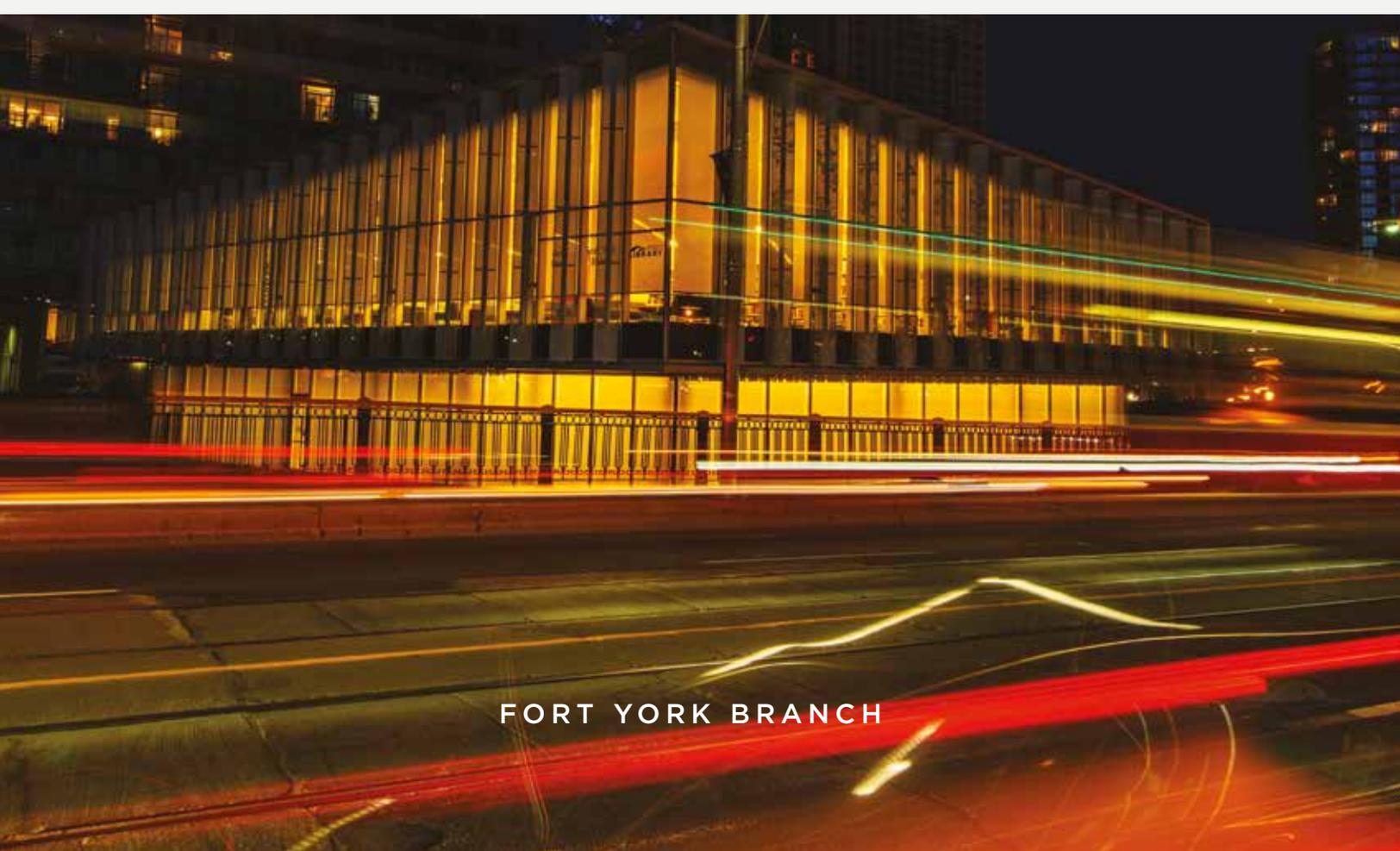
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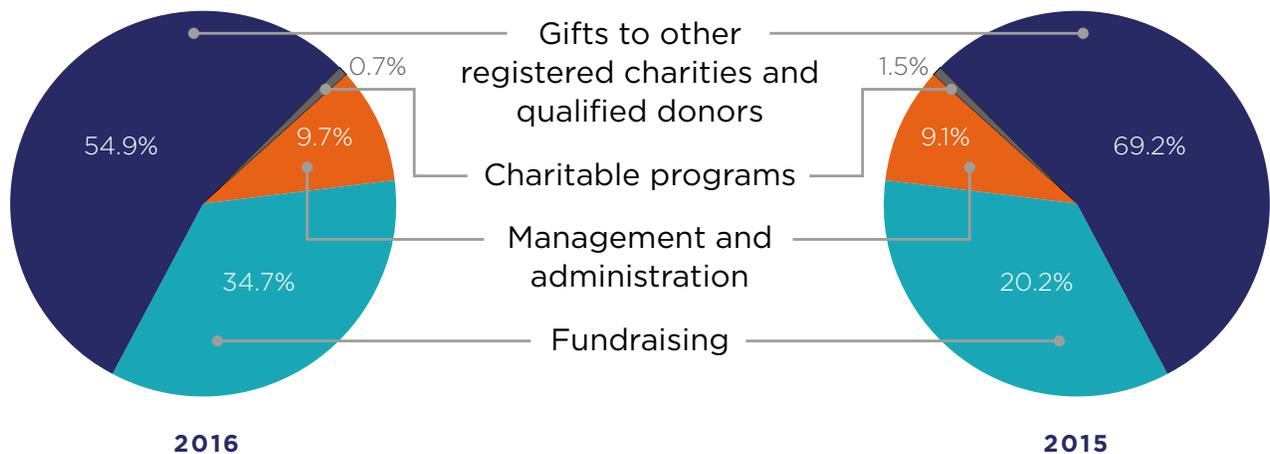
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

As at December 31, 2016, excerpted from audited Financial Statements

	2016 \$	2015 \$
REVENUE		
Donations and sponsorships	4,099,209	3,735,114
Donations-in-kind	325,094	264,515
Investment income	33,893	45,137
Total Revenue	4,458,196	4,044,766
EXPENSES		
Professional fees	4,115	5,149
Development office	1,502,618	2,182,797
Grants and donations to Toronto Public Library Board	3,448,759	2,699,727
Grants to others	-	20,708
Other	25,808	42,824
Total Expenses	4,981,300	4,951,205
Excess of (expenses over revenue) before fair value change in investments	-523,104	-906,439
Fair value changes in investments	421,202	431,097
Excess of (revenue over expenses)	-101,902	-475,324
Fund balances, beginning of year	9,410,159	9,885,501
Fund balances, end of year	9,308,257	9,410,159



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at December 31, 2016, excerpted from audited Financial Statements

	2016 \$	2015 \$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,867,201	2,506,310
Accounts receivable	13,850	26,566
Prepaid expenses	914	5,197
Inventory	40,400	41,910
Due from the Toronto Public Library Board	-	64,808
Due from the American Foundation for Toronto Public Library	3,655	4,547
Total Current Assets	3,926,020	2,649,338
Tangible and intangible assets	77,087	107,921
Investments	5,710,784	6,777,881
Total Assets	9,713,891	9,535,140
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	182,389	124,981
Due to the Toronto Public Library Board	128,245	-
Deferred revenue	95,000	-
Total Liabilities	405,634	124,981
Fund Balances		
General Fund	281,933	174,487
Restricted Fund	3,419,769	3,630,917
Endowment Fund	5,606,555	5,604,755
Total Fund Balances	9,308,257	9,410,159
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	9,713,891	9,535,140



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