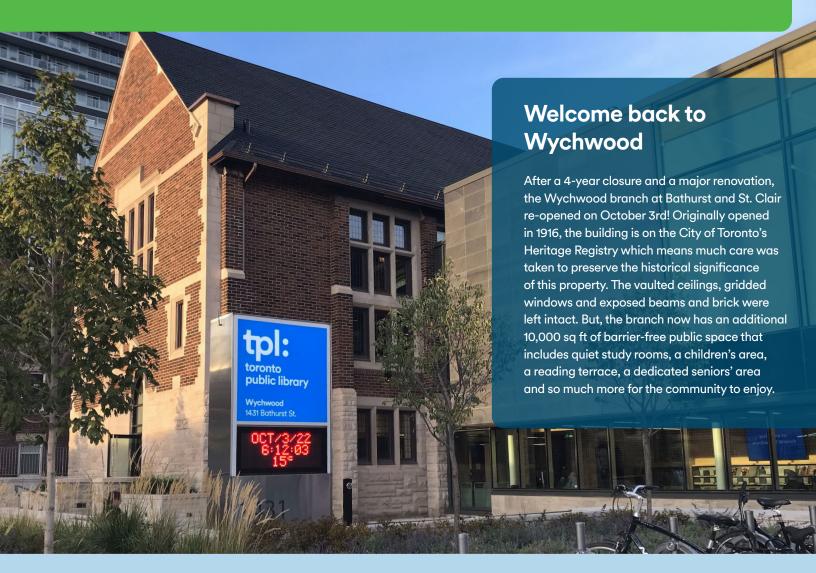
absolutely vital A newsletter from The Toronto Public Library Foundation





Meet Isobel

Branch Head, Wychwood Branch

Isobel, a 20+ year librarian at Toronto Public Library, is delighted to be back at Wychwood welcoming patrons again. This well-loved neighbourhood hub reopened its doors ahead of schedule because the public was eager to regain access, despite a few final touches that were still needed. "I love what I do - connecting with the community and working directly with customers (of all ages) at the branch. During our very busy reopening event, I saw two young children run up to the front pillars of the branch, tightly hug them and state how much they had missed their library branch. It is so heartwarming to hear all of the positive feedback and welcome excited customers back into this beautiful new space."



Volunteer Spotlight

Jennifer Wardrop



TPLF Board Director and Literary Circle Committee Chair, Jennifer Wardrop embodies the spirit of a library champion. She began as a volunteer in 2018 and helped grow the TPLF donor community with her creative and strategic ideas. As she wraps up her Board term with us, we know she will stay connected to TPLF and we are grateful for her years of service.

Simply put, the Library changes lives. I'm proud to be a part of the Foundation family and can see first-hand how donor investment makes such a difference. I'm always inspired by the work TPL does and applaud the commitment of our Literary Circle donors.

Journalist Susan Hay at

North York Central Library

We were thrilled that Global News paid us a visit during Canadian Library Month. Susan Hay wanted to know more about the valuable role TPL plays in our lives, and how generous donors help support many of TPL's vital initiatives.

Watch the full interview at tplfoundation.ca/news



Susan Hay chatted with TPLF CEO, Will Scott.

Grand Opening

The Jack Rabinovitch **Reading Room**



Last spring, after a number of delays due to the pandemic, the Toronto Public Library Foundation was delighted to bring together the Rabinovitch family and the donors who helped make The Jack Rabinovitch Reading Room at the Toronto Reference Library a reality.

See photos and learn more at: tplfoundation.ca/reading-room



Welcome! Two new Directors join the Toronto Public Library Foundation Board



Claire MacNamara

Claire is Co-Chair of the Biblio Bash Gala in support of TPL, is the Chair of the capital campaign at Branksome Hall, and works with the SickKids Foundation and the Boost Child & Youth Advocacy Centre.



John Ewing, CPA

John is the co-founder of the investment firm Ewing Morris & Co. He volunteers with the University of Guelph as well as charities Beat the Streets Toronto and Scouts Canada.



NY Times Bestselling Author Nita Prose at Literary Circle Donor Reception

Nita joined us to discuss her popular debut novel, The Maid, with Toronto Star Books Editor, Deborah Dundas.

If you missed it, you can watch the interview online at youtube.com/tplfoundation



Sincere thanks

Linda Dagg and Kenneth Wiener

A generous donation from long-time Deer Park branch users is making a tremendous impact in three unique TPL programs that serve the needs of newcomers, children and young adults.

- Community Librarians to support vulnerable populations, with a focus on newcomers.
- After School Clubs where kids have access to safe, supervised, fun programs that facilitate learning.
- Career Coaches in Residence (CCIR) which offers coaching and job search assistance to young adults.



CCIR is also generously supported by RBC Future Launch. Learn more about these projects at tplfoundation.ca/impact

The George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation

Ensuring everyone has access to employment opportunities in growing the tech sector

Thanks to a generous grant from the Metcalf Foundation, TPL is expanding the reach and impact of its Let's Learn Tech program. By identifying and removing barriers to access, creating more partnerships with industry experts and increasing reach, the Library is providing the tools and resources needed to enable low-income residents to enter careers in the technology industry.



Donors make the difference

Building literacy in Toronto's children

TPL's Leading to Reading program (LTR) is a service for children in Grades 1-6 to help improve their literacy skills through practice and fun learning-based activities that inspire motivation and build confidence. With generous support from the Friends of TPL, North Chapter and Bank of America, LTR is expanding so more children across the city can receive the assistance they need to help ensure they succeed in school.

Learn more at tpl.ca/leadingtoreading

Estate of Thomas C.M. Logan More investment in music at TPL

As an accomplished musician and educator, Thomas C.M. Logan had a passion for music, which inspired his bequest to the Library. His gift will help enhance music collections at three Musical Instrument Lending Library (MILL) locations at TPL, including the York Woods Branch which will open soon in 2023.

Interested in leaving a gift to the Library in your will? Please visit tplfoundation.ca/plannedgift **New! Financial Empowerment Services**

TPL offers in-person and virtual customized financial counselling

In the midst of financial uncertainty, access to personal finance information and financial empowerment support is so valuable, especially for low-income individuals and families. TPL is proud to pilot this new service in high-needs neighbourhoods so that everyone has the knowledge they require to understand their finances.

This program is made possible through the support and commitment of generous donors including Kate Schatzky and Shawn Kimel, and Burgundy Legacy Foundation.

Find help at tpl.ca/financialempowerment

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ask an expert

Susan Kernohan

Senior Services Specialist

For more than 56 years, Young Voices Magazine has published creative writing and visual art representative of the diverse experiences of teens across Toronto.

- Q: Explain the importance of Young Voices Magazine at TPL.
- A: The long-standing history of this publication demonstrates the Library's commitment to supporting and valuing young creators by providing meaningful opportunities for creative expression. Young Voices is a unique cultural offering open to all teens (ages 12-19) across Toronto and is a for-teens-byteens initiative.
- Q: Who benefits most in our city from this program?
- A: Young creators do! They gain validation by having their work appear in the magazine and appreciate finding an audience for their voice. There is a sense of community amongst teens who are grateful to find peers who also value creative expression. The magazine includes a wide array of talent that youth find inspiring. As one teen shared, "I just love seeing people my age actually do the things they love."

Good News! Thanks to donor support, the Library will produce its first ever colour issue of the magazine in 2023.



Young Voices Magazine is generously supported by the Friends of Toronto Public Library, South Chapter.



Annual Holiday Giving Campaign is here!

Help build success, resilience and well-being for our city

Thank you for believing in the work TPL does, and for giving to the world's busiest public library system.

This holiday season, we're directing your gift to TPL's priority projects. Donations help ensure everyone in Toronto has access to the free Library resources they need to recover from the pandemic and thrive.

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The one and only Margaret Atwood... she's Library People!

TPL is a neighbourhood gathering spot, provides needed services to residents and adds knowledge, culture and enjoyment to all our lives

- Niki, TPL Supporter

Happy Holidays!

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