

Media Release

Frum Family Gift to Support Barbara Frum Library Branch Refurbishments

Donation will help enhance busy District Library Branch

TORONTO (October 25, 2011) – A major gift to Toronto Public Library Foundation from Dr. Murray Frum and Family will enable Toronto Public Library to proceed with needed improvements to the Barbara Frum Library Branch. To be phased in over the next four years, the gift continues a long association between the Frum Family and Toronto Public Library.

“This is wonderful gift,” said Heather Rumball, President, Toronto Public Library Foundation. “Through their generosity the Frum Family is helping to demonstrate how philanthropy can enhance vital public institutions like Toronto Public Library.”

The \$100,000 gift will enable the Library to undertake a host of interior improvements that would not have been possible otherwise including renewing flooring, shelving and seating, and creating new service zones for early literacy and computer learning. The refurbishment project, to be carried out over the next four years, represents one of the most significant interior improvements to the Library since it opened in September 1992.

The Frum Development Group funded the original Library construction as part of a land exchange with the then North York Public Library system. The Library branch was named in honour of Barbara Frum who died in March 1992.

“My Family is very pleased to help Toronto Public Library realize a more responsive and better equipped library for the future,” said Dr. Murray Frum.

“This is a great demonstration of the importance of Toronto Public Library and the contributions it makes to local communities,” said Jane Pyper, City Librarian. “We are grateful to the Frum Family for the opportunity to improve and enhance the Barbara Frum branch for the benefit of the local community, particularly in light of the current renaissance underway at Lawrence Heights.”

The Toronto Public Library Foundation believes in the social benefits of a strong and healthy public library system. As a registered charity, the Foundation fosters relationships with people of vision to provide Toronto's Library with improved and expanded collections, enhanced programs and services, and revitalized community spaces.

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