

## **Peter J. Bassnett Award for Professional Development**

### **Who was Peter Bassnett?**

Peter J. Bassnett was devoted to a life of books and learning. As CEO of Scarborough Public Libraries for 20 years, he oversaw the expansion of the Scarborough Public Library system and promoted the accessibility of books and libraries. While seconded to the Ontario Public Libraries Program Review, his recommendations formed a major part of the province's new Public Libraries Act in 1984.

### **What is the Peter J. Bassnett Fund?**

Named in honour of Peter J. Bassnett, the fund supports *The Peter J. Bassnett Award for Professional Development*.

The Award recognizes Peter's contributions to the development of public library services by supporting library staff pursuing a career in public libraries and rewarding eligible library staff for outstanding achievement in the areas of library/information studies, public administration and/or management studies.

### **How can you help?**

If you knew Peter personally or professionally or if you simply believe in staff development, you can support the *Peter J. Bassnett Fund*.

**Your support will help to strengthen the fund and truly speak to the commitment and dedication to staff development and Library professionals.**

You can make a donation to the *Peter J. Bassnett Fund* by contacting the Toronto Public Library Foundation at 416-393-7123 or by filling out a donation form. All gifts over \$10 will receive a tax receipt.

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