

Dear Supporters:



In my six years as president of Toronto Public Library Foundation, I have been continually amazed by the scope and depth of services that Toronto Public Library provides and the impact they have on people's lives. I've also been moved by the generous support of donors like you, who recognize how important Toronto's Library is to the city in which we live.

In this inaugural issue of *Absolutely Vital*, you'll meet people who have benefited from your generosity and who join you in your commitment to our mission.

You'll meet a retired history teacher who has volunteered with Friends of the Library for nearly 15 years. You'll hear from an eight-year-old who gave up birthday presents in favour of donations

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to the Library. And you'll meet two of the thousands of families who've benefited from the enhanced programs your generosity makes possible.

The Library's donors and supporters are a truly exceptional group. Your ongoing support means Toronto's Library will continue to have a central role in our city, bolstering early literacy, workforce readiness, cultural exchange

and economic development. With your support, the Library's 99 branches can become even more welcoming and vibrant public spaces, offering enhanced services and collections that can help all Torontonians achieve their full potential.

With your support, since 1997 the Toronto Public Library Foundation has raised more than \$48 million to enhance the collections, programs, services and community spaces of Toronto's Library. We could not achieve our ambitious goals without you.

Our City needs its Library, and Toronto's Library needs you. Thank you for your support.

Heather Rumball
President, Toronto Public Library Foundation

A Friend of the Toronto Public Library



You could say Douglas Browne's life revolves around reading. When the retired history teacher isn't absorbed in his personal collection, he's ensconced in the Toronto Reference Library's bookstore – Book Ends South.

But don't let his soft-spoken demeanour fool you. This dynamic senior – who's held most positions on the Friends of the Library executive since he began volunteering in 1997 – has been

instrumental in book sale fundraising efforts that have seen more than \$420,000 poured into important Library programs, such as "English Can Be Fun."

"I have a lot of respect for what the Library accomplishes in Toronto and I also have a love of books," he explains. "This volunteer opportunity lets me combine those passions."

For more information about the Friends of Toronto Public Library and how to become a volunteer, please call Liana Colacci at 416-393-7123.

Fundraising Report

In 2009, we called donors as part of our annual fall appeal.

Donors told us how vital Toronto Public Library is to them, and why they are happy to lend their support.

“Lydia has been using the Library since childhood,” wrote one generous donor. “She loves the Bookmobile and the Library. Lydia believes that reading opens the world to children and adults

alike and considers reading to be like travelling: ‘One can be anywhere.’”

Through this campaign, and with your generous contributions, a whopping \$144,175 was raised in support of the Toronto Public Library’s priority needs. Thank you, Library supporters!

Annual Report

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Upcoming Events in support of Toronto’s Library

Friends of Toronto Public Library,
South Chapter
Special Used Book Sale

Saturday, July 17
Toronto Reference Library
Beeton Auditorium
416-393-7123

City Legal Book Sale
in support of Leading to Reading

Wednesday June 30
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Concourse of Metro Hall
(55 John Street - corner of
King & John)
416-393-7237

For more about third party events, please visit: www.tplfoundation.ca.
To discuss an initiative of your own, contact Jessica Bergerman at 416-393-7237.

About Absolutely Vital

Toronto Public Library Foundation’s mission is to provide essential resources for the enhancement of Toronto Public Library and to allocate funds to priority needs not supported by municipal funding.

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