

## **Annual Report 2000**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:**

The year 2000 at the Barrie Public Library has continued to see an increase in use of the collections and services of the library. Circulation increased by 1.36% over 1999 and in-house use of the internet, CD-ROMs, on-line databases and other in-house information resources has ballooned. Membership in the library now represents some 65% of the population and over 500,000 visits are made to the library annually.

Early in the year the Library upgraded its catalogue system to “Horizon”, a web based method of providing the public and staff with information regarding the holdings of the library. This meant external internet access to the catalogue for the public. The addition of on-line databases throughout the year has meant at home access to a periodical database, to a Canadian business and current affairs publication and to a database for leisure readers. The Library has truly extended its reach beyond its walls.

For the convenience of users who visit the facility, the Library introduced payment of fines and fees by Interac and VISA. The implementation of a new security system for material has meant the elimination of the pass around system and a quicker checkout process for the public.

Of special note in the year 2000, the Barrie Public Library became the first library in the province of Ontario serving a population of 100,000 to achieve accreditation as set down by the Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council.

During the year 2000 we saw a turnover in the appointments to the Library Board. I would like to note at this time the services of the following members of the Library Board in the year 2000:

*Lorraine Ervin – Past Chair*  
*Bradley Rudachyk – Past Chair*  
*Andy Gibson*  
*Stacy Hunt*  
*Jill Hynes*  
*Mary McGreevy*

These individuals have shared their skills and abilities to foster the enjoyment, learning and culture of the citizens of Barrie. I look forward to working with the returning members and the new members of the 2001 Library Board for the continued benefit of all.

Finally, as the new Chair of the Board I would like to express my deep appreciation to the staff and volunteers of the Library for their continued level of excellence in the provision of library services to the community of Barrie.

Ian Platt  
Chair, Barrie Public Library Board

## HIGHLIGHTS & ACTIVITIES 2000

- ◆ The Barrie Public Library was the first accredited large public library in the Province of Ontario
- ◆ The Library serviced 14 local nursing homes with collections of material from the library Large Print and Talking Book collections.
- ◆ The first “Teen Read Week” was offered in November and 150 entrants read 610 items during the week.
- ◆ The Library catalogue was made available to the public through the internet
- ◆ The Library received a federal grant under Urban CAP(Community Access Program) for the provision of more public internet stations.
- ◆ Library staff participated in a new job shadowing initiative both internally and in the wider library community.
- ◆ A management structure review was undertaken by the Board to prepare the Library for future growth.

## WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY

- ❖ *“I was a very avid reader and went through books like crazy. Then Multiple Sclerosis began to affect my eyesight and now I can only read for very short periods of time. The Library’s collection of books on cassette has been a lifesaver for me. Now I am able to enjoy the thrill of books and stories through talking books. In addition, as part of the Visiting Library Service, library staff select talking books for me and have volunteers deliver them to my home”*

Linda Ottaway

- ❖ *“ I just wanted to send a quick note to let you know how great I think your web site is, and in particular how easy it is to search the Library Catalogue. What a joy!!! Thanks so much for making searching/reserving books such an easy process.*

*Have a great day”*

Bonnie Lee Clarke

## **2000 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

### **REVENUE**

City Of Barrie	2,124,141
General	256,973
Township Of Oro-Medonte	75,000
Province Of Ontario	288,808
Fundraising	28,975
To Be Used To Offset Expenditure	75,175
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,849,072</b>

### **EXPENDITURE**

Salaries And Benefits	1,398,342
Materials	590,928
Building Maintenance	147,390
Services	428,307
Capital	244,285
To be used to offset future expenditures	39,820
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,849,072</b>

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2000**

**Barrie Public Library is pleased to welcome our NEW Board of Trustees.**

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**Thank you to the Library's Board of Trustees 2000.**

Vince DeCecco  
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