

Golden Mile Branch / Eglinton Square Branch

**Views of local library service
1955-2017**

**Prepared by Toronto Public Library staff for
the reopening of Eglinton Square Branch,
after a renovation and expansion**

23 June 2017

Local library service then and now

Golden Mile Branch, 1955



Eglinton Square Branch, 2017



Golden Mile Branch is opened by the Scarborough Public Library Board, December 1955



Golden Mile Branch operates in a room
at 29 Civic Road (former GEICO
munitions factory building),
Dec. 1955-March 1965



GECO munitions factory, 1943

The company filled and assembled fuses and igniting devices for large projectiles, such as machine guns, field guns, tanks and aircraft weapons



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**Golden Mile
Branch,
Scarborough
Public
Library,
1956?**

Formally
opened by
Provincial
Library
Inspector
Angus Mowat,
January 1956

Golden Mile Branch, Scarborough Public Library, 1956?

Located in a 14- x
22-foot room “with
a sagging floor” in
the old munitions
factory



Library on the move

Golden Mile
Branch is
relocated
from 29
Civic Road
to Eglinton
Square
shopping
centre,
March 1965



SCARBORO'S Golden Mile library, housed for years in an old building behind the municipal offices which was originally built as a wartime ammunition factory, moved recently lock, stock, barrel and booksto a new location in the Eglinton square shopping centre. Above, Charles McGillvery, 5 August, and Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, 32 Laxford, do the packing.

Golden Mile Branch is re-opened by Scarborough Public Library Board, 1 April 1965

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**SCARBOROUGH
PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

Announces

**THE GOLDEN MILE BRANCH
LIBRARY**

29 Civic Road

will be re-located in the

EGLINTON SQ. SHOPPING CENTRE

and open for service

APRIL 1st, 1965

A. W. Bowron
Chief Librarian

J. P. McLoughlin
Chairman

Scarborough Reeve Albert Campbell officially reopens Golden Mile Branch, 13 April 1965



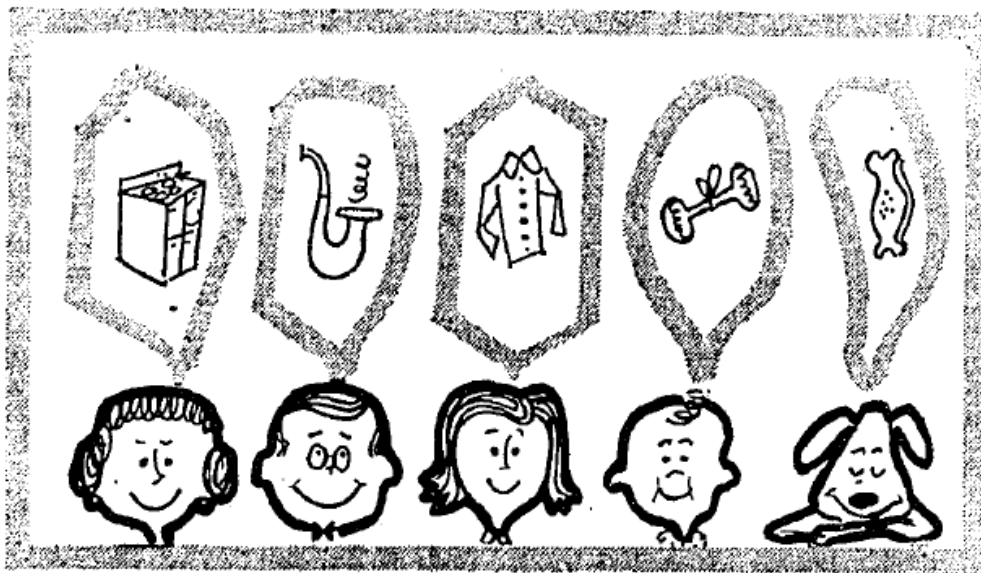
—Globe and Mail

LIBRARY IN A SHOPPING CENTRE OPENED FOR BUSINESS

Reeve Albert Campbell of Scarborough hands over the key to librarian - in - charge Mrs. Hector Massey at the opening yesterday of a branch of the Scarboro public libraries at the Eglinton Square Shopping Centre.

Advertisement for expanded Eglinton Square Shopping Centre

Globe & Mail, 14 April 1965



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THE NEW EGLINTON SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE

EGLINTON AVE. EAST, AT VICTORIA PARK AVE.

Golden Mile Branch, Scarborough Public Library, 1965?



Golden Mile Branch, 1965?

Operated at the first mall location (50 Eglinton Square),
April 1965-April 1983



Golden Mile Branch is renamed Eglinton Square Branch in February 1971



Eglinton Square Branch is relocated within the mall to its present location, April 1983



Branch Head Roz Mida shelves books in relocated Eglinton Square Branch, April 1983





Eglinton Square Branch, April 1983?

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Eglinton Square Branch, 2014

The branch
becomes part of
Toronto Public
Library with
municipal
amalgamation, 1
January 1998

Eglinton Square Branch, 2014



Eglinton Square Branch, 2014





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Eglinton Square Library reopens after renovation and expansion, 23 June 2017

Ken Fukushima, Architects

