

Outreach

The Outreach Committee of The East York-Scarborough Reading Association supports individuals and organizations involved in making a difference in the lives of others through literacy-focused initiatives. This year, we are honoured to provide assistance to a variety of groups that focus their efforts on fostering a love of reading here at home, throughout Canada and abroad.

To date, locally we have decided to support a wide variety of programs and services offered by **Marnie's Lounge at SickKids Hospital**, **Early Years Centre at the Malvern Family Resource Centre**, and the **Sagatay Library Initiative with Na-Me-Res**, a safe space for Aboriginal Men to build literacy skills. All of these wonderful organizations work hard to ensure engaging stories and learning materials make their way into the hands of readers of all ages throughout Toronto.

Nationally, we are contributing funds towards **Friends of Six Nations Public Library Foundation (SALT Program)** and the **Second Chance Library Program** run by the **Second Chance Scholarship Foundation**. This foundation has established libraries within various youth detention centres across Ontario, recognizing and believing that all youth have potential and if given an opportunity to succeed academically, these youth can become educated, responsible and contributing members of society. All they need is a Second Chance!

Internationally, we are supporting **The Book Bus Foundation** and **Las Dos Jardas de Veron – an Inner City School in Bavaro, Dominican Republic**. Coordinated by local TCDSB teacher, Eva Henn, funds are being raised to assist this school to fill their soon to be built library.

More organizations will be announced at the *Reading for the Love of It* conference. If you are able to help, please visit our Outreach desks at the conference and support our efforts by purchasing one of the many items we sell to raise funds for these worthy organizations.

On behalf of the EYSRA, thank you for making a difference and bringing the love of reading into the lives of others.

For more information please visit our website and check out our Outreach section.

Brian Svenningsen, 3rd Vice President and Outreach Chair, EYSRA

Building Library Resources

Las Dos Jardas de Veron is an inner city school in the Bavaro area of Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

It houses 100 students from grade 1 to highschool level with three classes for each. The Primary students are in school from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon; the Middle school students from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm; and, the Highschool students from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. All students walk to and from school.

The East York-Scarborough Reading Association is pleased to donate funds to help fill the school library.



Eva Henn, a Canadian teacher from the Toronto Catholic District School Board, pictured with students.

