

## Yard Sale To Support Breast Cancer Research

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For the second consecutive year, Stouffville's Diane Garipey is holding a yard sale at her Stouffville home to raise funds for her participation in The Weekend to End Breast Cancer in support of Princess Margaret Hospital.

"We will have a lot of items that have been donated by friends and family, including small pieces of furniture, toys and things for the house," said Diane. "We will also have lots of new items, so there will be a really great variety of stuff."

Diane is a member of a team called Wendy's Walkers which will take part in the two-day, 60 kilometre walk through Toronto on the weekend of Sept. 7-9. All proceeds from the sale will go directly to the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation to raise funds for breast cancer research, education and care.

The yard sale for The Weekend to End Breast Cancer begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18 at 49 Harry Sanders Ave. in Stouffville. For more information on the fundraiser, or to make a donation, visit [www.endcancer.ca](http://www.endcancer.ca).



This summer, three Whitchurch-Stouffville Library volunteers were honoured at the Ontario Volunteer Awards ceremony held at the Premier Ballroom in Richmond Hill. From left to right are Marion Dissette (five year award for service on the seniors sub-committee); Deborah Lonergan (10 year award for service on the book sale committee) and Colette Brown (five year award for serving on the library board and managing the books on wheels program).



Starting the week of September 10, 2007 a new waste management program will be introduced in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, including the introduction of source-separated organics, the "Green Bin". Green Bins, delivered to each household in late August, are designed to collect household organic waste such as kitchen scraps and soiled paper products. Combined with recycling, the Green Bin aims to divert waste sent to landfill by up to 65% from current practice!

Green Bin waste will be composted under controlled conditions using a variety of methods. The finished compost is blended with topsoil and used for agricultural and erosion control purposes.

To help meet the Town's waste diversion target, weekly Green Bin and recycling service will be introduced, with garbage collection every other week, with a three-bag limit. There will be no limit on the number of Green Bins or Blue Boxes collected and additional green bins and blue boxes will be available from the Town offices. Your waste collection schedule will be included with the delivery of your Green Bin, in addition to being posted on the Town's website: [www.townofws.com](http://www.townofws.com).

Information on what goes in and how to use your Green Bin will be included in your Green Bin when they are delivered. Further information, including a list of public information meetings and events where the Green Bin will be promoted is available:

Online: [www.townofws.com](http://www.townofws.com)  
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## So many books, so little time

By Catherine Sword

Put the book down. Trust me on this. If a book has not hooked you by the time you've read 60-100 pages, put the book down.

I know many of you are probably sitting there aghast. What! A librarian telling you not to read a book. Well, to be honest I'm shocked by the number of times I've heard someone say, "Oh my gosh, that was an awful book. I'm glad that's over." When did reading become an endurance test?

There are hundreds of thousands of books published each year, not to mention magazines. It would be impossible to read them all and this says nothing of books published previously which you might yet discover. It can all be overwhelming so here are some tips.

Keep a shelf (or bookcase or two) of books to be read and review it once a year. There are many books which I thought I could hardly wait to read but a year later I wonder why I was ever interested. Donate those books to the library's annual book sale.

Book lists are great but keeping a large yellow envelope of book reviews or award lists is handy to take to your library or book store. Again, every now and then review the contents and recycle whatever you no longer fancy. I like to do this over a nice hot drink. Perhaps chocolate could be involved.

Once you start reading a book remember that it's a short term relationship. Some relationships end sooner than expected. For example, I've tried to read Eco's Name of the Rose, and Cervantes' Don Quixote and with both books I've gotten to the book burning scene and had to give up. For some reason I had no trouble with Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451. Perhaps it was timing.

There is no doubt that these are all classics but the two parties involved in the reading relationship may not be ready. The book stands as it is but the person changes. Perhaps sometime when I'm older or less busy I'll pick up those books and think WOW! Why did I wait so long? Maybe. Maybe not.

In any case, this is something your public library does well for you. It's like one long reading list. This summer come in and review the shelves. There are old favourites to try again. There are always some new books on display and there are many lists of books by genre and now there are even electronic versions which can be emailed to you on a monthly basis.

Ask the information staff about NextReads and don't forget, in the electronic world it's not recycling. It's called purging. Purge the lists regularly. There's lots more to discover from your library.