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Books "Booked" into Jail

WHAT -	Deputy Superintendent David Mitchell is delighted to be booking "books" into the Toronto East Detention Centre instead of people. The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the Friends of Toronto Public Library, South Chapter have partnered with the Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation to assist 2003 Future Aces Scholarship Recipient, Edona Çaku, sow the seeds of learning for a country devastated by civil war. On October 21, 2000, Edona (then fifteen) and her family immigrated to Canada with mixed emotions. The transition from Communism to democracy in her country of Albania created a civil war that lead to the destruction of her city of Shkoder. She watched as buildings were burned including their library. As she left, Edona swore not to let this be a final "Adieu" to her beloved city. She felt their must be a way to help her compatriots. Her mission was to replenish the shelves of the newly built library so that students from the nearby university can learn and grow. Future Aces Education Facilitator, Dianne Leggatt connected her with the Friends of Toronto Public Library, South Chapter who are pleased to donate books withdrawn from the library's collection to the Albanian Library. In total 4,000 books have been donated from various sources. TenCorr Packaging has provided boxes for the venture and the Albanian Youth Club will assist with the packing. The East Detention Centre will "book" the books for safe keeping until we can find a sponsor to transport them to Albania. Edona is also looking for a sponsor to donate two passages to accompany the books. Bernice Carnegie, Executive Director of the Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation could not be happier than to see Edona's dream come true. Bernice says, "Edona truly reflects the spirit of the Future Aces Philosophy in her desire to make this world a better place."
WHERE -	Toronto East Detention Centre 416-750-3513 55 Civic Road, Scarborough
WHEN -	**Saturday, July 24, 2004** "Booking" Time 1:00 p.m.

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