

Tackling Poverty through the Arts

Looking for X is the story of an 11-year-old girl living in Toronto's Regent Park housing project. The book reflects many of the day-to-day experiences of children growing up in poverty and addresses issues including homelessness, mental illness, and government attitudes towards the poor.

"One Book, One City" culminated in May with an event entitled "Arts Speak About Poverty" – a showcase of visual and performing arts inspired by the novel.

Among other events, Toronto youth visited Hamilton and showed films created by the Regent Park Focus Youth Media Arts Centre, and youth from Hamilton visited the Regent Park area to learn more about the work of the Centre and to assist Regent Park youth in producing their radio show.



Organizers categorize the initiative as a step toward building a level of understanding in Hamilton that will one day lead to the elimination of poverty.



[Check out Susan's review of *Looking for X*](#)

Related Links:

- [Read the One Book, One City Blog](#)
- [Looking to add books to your kids' summer reading list? Check out this Tackling Poverty Book List for Children and Youth](#)

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