



GEORGINA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Public Library Board Agenda

Thursday, July 18, 2024
7:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER	
<p>“Georgina Public Library recognizes and acknowledges that we are on lands originally used and occupied by the First Peoples of the Williams Treaties First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples, and we would like to thank them for sharing this land. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our close neighbour and friend, one with which we strive to build a cooperative and respectful relationship.</p> <p>We also recognize the unique relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory. They are the water protectors and environmental stewards of these lands and we join them in these responsibilities.”</p>	
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17.	NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME	
	August 15, 2024	
18.	MOTION TO ADJOURN	



GEORGINA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Georgina Public Library Board Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024
Time: 7:00 PM

Members of Board
Present:

Kathy Coates
Bobbi Sabatini
Nancy Rodrigues
Leslie Johnstone
Rita Beechey
Alicia Braund
Madalyn Calzavara
Regional Councillor Naomi Davison

Members of Board
Absent:

Councillor Dave Neeson

Staff Present:

Serena Hamlyn
Steve Lee-Young
Ruth Berry
Ryan Zabielski
Rob Wheeler
Harry Sidhu

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:02pm.

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We also recognize the unique relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory. They are the water protectors and environmental stewards of these lands and we join them in these responsibilities.”

2. ROLL CALL

As noted above and:

Kevin Travers, *KPMG Representative*

Andrew Grossi, *KPMG Representative*

3. INTRODUCTION OF ADDENDUM ITEM(S)

None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

GLB-2024-048

Moved By Rita Beechey

Seconded By Madalyn Calzavara

That the June 20, 2024 Agenda be approved as amended with item #14.1 brought forward.

Carried

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

6. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of May 23, 2024

GLB-2024-049

Moved By Alicia Braund

Seconded By Nancy Rodrigues

That the Minutes of May 23, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

8. SPEAKERS

None.

9. DELEGATIONS/ PETITIONS

None.

10. PRESENTATIONS

None.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Branch Report
2. Work Plan Update
3. Financial Statement
May 2024
4. Media Scan

GLB-2024-051

Moved By Kathy Coates

Seconded By Nancy Rodrigues

That items #11.1, 11.2, 11.3, and 11.4 - Consent Agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

12. VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. CEO Update (S. Lee-Young)

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Free Legal Clinics are back for the summer. As of the start of June, York Region's Community Legal Clinic outreach tent will be at the Keswick Library Branch and at The LINK on alternating Wednesdays.
- Free translation service is coming to our public catalogue - languages being added include: French, Spanish, and simplified Chinese. Translation services were previously a paid service. Implementation date is still to be determined.

SPACES

- The planters have arrived for the Reading Garden. We're currently coordinating with Lake Simcoe Gardeners to have them come work on filling the planters

PEOPLE & LEADERSHIP

- I'm very pleased to announce that the Maker Space Programmer position has been filled. Tyler, formerly a Library Student, and more recently a Library Clerk, was the successful candidate. Tyler started in his new role on June 15th.
- The Board Finance Committee held their first meeting on May 27th. The next meeting is scheduled for June 24th.
- The Library's Staff Development Day is taking place next week, on Thursday, June 27th. We're expecting it to be a great day for all staff, full of learning and team-building activities.

COLLECTIONS & PROGRAMS

- On Friday, June 7 GPL hosted Storytime with Fay and Fluffy for Pride Month. YRP and York Region Children's Aid Society were onsite to provide support for the program and spread awareness about their organizations. Over 50 people attended the storytime.
- On Wednesday, June 13 GPL partnered with York/Durham Region Libraries and Regina Public Library to host Math is a Drag with Kyne Santos. 32 people attended this virtual presentation.

2. Board Chair Update (B. Sabatini)

- The Board Chair has been having meetings with the Library Interim-CEO and is frequently visiting the branches
- The Board Chair has been in both the Finance Committee and CEO Selection Committee meetings
- The Board Chair attended the Drag Queen Storytime that took place on June 7. It was a great event with lots of enthusiastic attendees
- The Library's Staff Development Day is taking place next Thursday, June 27. It will be a great opportunity to introduce the Board to staff

3. Friends of the Library Update (R. Beechey)

- The Friend of the Library met on Monday virtually
- The Friends will be at the Music in the Street Festival this coming Saturday and Pioneer Village
- The Friends are well into planning for the Grate Groan-Up Spelling Bee coming up on September 13
 - Sponsorship letters are going out
 - Looking for teams for the event, we will need a Board team
- The Friends will be running kids Spelling Bee at the Sutton Fair the 2nd weekend on August
- The Friends discussed supporting the Library with the Visiting Library Service (VLS) initiative

4. Finance Committee Update (A. Braund)

- The Finance Committee had their first meeting on May 27 where A. Braund was elected as Committee Chair
- In that meeting, they reviewed the budget schedule and the staffing and operating business cases, where it was decided to move forward with all reviewed requests
- The next meeting is scheduled for this coming Monday, June 24

GLB-2024-052

Moved By Nancy Rodrigues

Seconded By Kathy Coates

That items #12.1, 12.2, 12.3, and 12.4 - Verbal Communications be accepted as presented.

Carried

13. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bulletin Boards and Displays Policy

The Bulletin Boards and Displays Policy was brought back, with the suggested edits from the last meeting having been completed.

GLB-2024-053

Moved By Leslie Johnstone

Seconded By Rita Beechey

That the Bulletin Boards and Displays Policy be accepted as presented.

Carried

2. June 27 Staff Development Day Reminder

The Board Chair reminded Board Members of the Library's Staff Development Day coming up on June 27th. The Board Chair hopes to see as many Board Members as can make it there for the Board's portion of the day.

14. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2023 Year-End Financial Statements

GLB-2024-050

Moved By Rita Beechey

Seconded By Leslie Johnstone

1. That the Library Board receive the 2023 Year-End Financial Statements - Town of Georgina Public Library Board report.

and

2. That the Library Board adopt the 2023 Year-End Financial Statements - Town of Georgina Public Library Board.

Carried

2. Policy Review: Disconnecting from Work

GLB-2024-054

Moved By Alicia Braund

Seconded By Madalyn Calzavara

That the Disconnecting from Work Policy be adopted as presented.

Carried

15. OTHER BUSINESS FOR WHICH NO NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

L. Johnstone asked if the Library has any plans to make more toys accessible to patrons in the children's areas. Many toys were removed during the pandemic for sanitary reason, and she is curious to know if there are plans to put them back out. The Interim-CEO said that he will check with the Manager, Community Engagement.

16. CLOSED SESSION

None.

1. Motion to move into Closed Session
2. Motion to reconvene into Closed Session and report on matters discussed in Closed Session

17. NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME

July 18, 2024 - Zoom

18. MOTION TO ADJOURN

GLB-2024-055

Moved By Alicia Braund

Seconded By Madalyn Calzavara

That the meeting of June 20, 2024 adjourn at 7:59pm.

Carried

Bobbi Sabatini, Chair

Serena Hamlyn, Executive Assistant to the Library Director/CEO

JOINT BRANCH REPORT - June 2024

Submitted by: Amy Butcher - Manager, Library Community Engagement
Becky George - Manager, Library eServices
Karolina Roussakis – Manager, Library Collections

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Our school library service at the Peter Gzowski (Sutton) Branch wrapped up for another school year. Many students and teachers came to thank Miss Sherrey for a wonderful year of reading and learning.
- On Saturday, June 1, Lisa and Rachael attended the Georgina Pioneer Village Opening Day event. At this event, they spoke with 120 people about GPL programs and services.
- Free Legal Clinics hosted by the Community Legal Clinic of York Region are back for the summer on alternating Wednesdays outdoors at Keswick Branch and The Link. This was made possible through a partnership with the Town of Georgina. For the month of June, the clinics only happened at The Link.
- On Tuesday, June 25, Tyler hosted a Maker Space open house for 13 members of the Georgina Junior Optimist Club. Everyone enjoyed learning about the equipment in the Maker Space. After the visit, Tyler received a glowing review via Facebook.
- Jaylen M, Summer Reading Club Assistant, created a video explaining how the Summer Reading and Learning Club is running this year. This video was shared with the schools and on GPL's Facebook and Youtube page.
- CYS staff (Children's and Youth Services Assistants) and the SRCA (Summer Reading Club Assistant) have been attending school events in the evening to promote GPL's SRLC (Summer Reading and Learning Club) and other summer programs.
 - June 6: R.L. Graham Talent Show- interacted with 79 people
 - June 13: Prince of Peace Fun Fair- interacted with 117 people

SPACES

- Nothing to report

PEOPLE AND LEADERSHIP

- GPL Welcomed two new Casual Library Clerks in June: Rheannon, a former Library Student, and Sarah L.
- The Library held their first Staff Development Day of the year on June 27. It was a great day full of learning and connecting with each other. The Library welcomed many guests on the day including: YRP for RUN HIDE DEFEND training, the Library Board, as well as representatives from the Human Resources Department.
- Tyler was the successful candidate for the Maker Space Programmer position based out of Discovery Branch. Tyler started in his new position on Saturday, June 15.

COLLECTION AND PROGRAMS

- 16 new Launchpads were added to the collection.
- Starting in either July or August, we will introduce a new product into our collection - Playaways!
- The Pioneer Village & Archives will be looking at taking the archival items that we have at the Keswick branch as a public library is not the right storage place for things such as the back-dated copies of the Advocate, and other items.
- On Friday, June 7, we ran Drag Queen Storytime with Fay and Fluffy at Keswick Branch in partnership with York Region Children's Aid Society. In order to create a safe and welcoming environment for program participants and the performers, York Region Police Community Oriented Response Unity (COR) were on site for the duration of the program. Unlike last year, there were no protesters at the event. 53 people enjoyed stories and songs from Fay and Fluffy.
- The Summer Reading and Learning Club launch party at Discovery Branch was a huge success. 167 people attended the event on Saturday, June 15. They got to enjoy activities in the Maker Space, pick up their SRLC materials, and receive a balloon creation from Minerva's Creations.
- Our Summer Reading programs for children, tweens, and adults officially started on Sunday, June 16. The Friends of the Library is sponsoring the prizes for these programs.

Dates	Program Name	Platform/format	Total views/ participants
Various dates	One-on-one technology help (eServices)	Email, chat, phone, in-person	31
June 5, 12, 19	Music in the Streets Ukulele Rehearsals	Keswick	44
June 7	Storytime with Fay and Fluffy	Keswick	53
June 12	Deer Park Community Class Visit	Keswick	8
June 14	Customize a Koozie for Teens	Discovery	13
June 15	SRLC Launch Party	Discovery	167
June 22	Music in the Streets Ukulele Performance	Georgina Pioneer Village	77
June 25	Georgina Junior Optimist Club Maker Space Visit	Discovery	13

June 4	Pefferlaw Book Club	Pefferlaw	11
June 4	Sutton Book Club	Sutton	6
June 19	Discovery Book Club	Discovery	6
June 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27	Hooks and Needles Corner	Keswick	66
June 20	Pins and Needles	Sutton	10
June 6, 20	Welcome Centre Immigrant Services	Keswick	6
June 5, 12, 19, 26	English Conversation Circle for Newcomers	Keswick	20
June 5, 12, 19, 26	Stroke Drop in Support Group	Sutton	4
June 1	Georgina Pioneer Village Opening Day	Georgina Pioneer Village	120
June 11	Therapy Dogs	Keswick	46
June 12	Math is a Drag with Kyne	Zoom	32
June 18	Social Media Safety for Seniors	Discovery	6
June 25	Author Talk with J.Stephen Thompson	Sutton	4
June 26	Seniors Bingo Night	Discovery	4
June 12, 26	Free Legal Clinic	The Link	21
	All recorded videos, re-watched in June		35
		TOTAL	799

TECHNOLOGY

- Nothing to report.



Georgina Public Library

June 26 at 3:42 PM · 🌐

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Yay Tyler!!!



Optimist Club of Keswick

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Optimist Club of Keswick

June 26 at 7:02 AM · 🌐

Thank you to Tyler, a Maker Space programmer at the MURC Discovery Branch, for the great tour last night. The Junior Optimist Club Members really enjoyed learning about the machines and spending time making buttons and using the 3D pens. The group has lots of ideas on different things they can do and look forward to spending more time in the Maker Space this coming year.

For more information about our Junior Optimist Club email optimisitjuniorclub@gmail.com.

👍 You, Serena Hamlyn, Becky George and 13 others

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January

Branch	Circulation	Visits	Programs	Program Attendance	Computer Usage	Database Searches	Town Services	Total Library	Notes
Keswick	10,795	6,220	16	131	1,252		1,229	19,627	
Pefferlaw	1,198	994	1	5	202		136	2,535	
Sutton	6,170	4,718	8	53	370		102	11,413	
Discovery	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
CYS			38	863	646			1,509	
eBranch	7,309	20,055	105	488		57,220		85,072	
Total	25,472	31,987	168	1,540	2,470	57,220	1,467	120,156	

February

Branch	Circulation	Visits	Programs	Program Attendance	Computer Usage	Database Searches	Town Services	Total Library	Notes
Keswick	9,530	6,595	18	168	1,216		473	17,982	
Pefferlaw	1,166	927	2	21	146		62	2,322	
Sutton	5,741	4,942	6	37	347		93	11,160	
Discovery	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
CYS			43	876	649			1,525	
eBranch	6,883	22,293	43	189		47,252		76,617	
Total	23,320	34,757	112	1,291	2,358	47,252	628	109,606	

March

Branch	Circulation	Visits	Programs	Program Attendance	Computer Usage	Database Searches	Town Services	Total Library	Notes
Keswick	9,278	5,883	14	129	1,567		623	17,480	
Pefferlaw	1,215	959	3	271	172		17	2,634	
Sutton	5,686	4,349	5	3	336		22	10,396	
Discovery	3,624	7,839	10	2,556	1,241		0	15,260	
CYS			13	575	453			1,028	
eBranch	7,458	32,016	64	216		56,327		96,017	
Total	27,261	51,046	109	3,750	3,769	56,327	662	142,815	

April

Branch	Circulation	Visits	Programs	Program Attendance	Computer Usage	Database Searches	Town Services	Total Library	Notes
Keswick	8,495	6,556	17	711	1,118		505	17,385	
Pefferlaw	1,283	1,078	4	42	175		115	2,693	
Sutton	5,868	5,493	7	54	352		67	11,834	
Discovery	3,008	7,573	7	45	1,625		0	12,251	
CYS			53	895	483			1,378	
eBranch	7,201	18,415	58	181		50,015		75,812	
Total	25,855	39,115	146	1,928	3,753	50,015	687	121,353	

May

Branch	Circulation	Visits	Programs	Program Attendance	Computer Usage	Database Searches	Town Services	Total Library	Notes
Keswick	7,671	4,411	15	138	1,021		513	13,754	
Pefferlaw	1,126	1,053	1	11	177		70	2,437	
Sutton	5,849	4,992	7	57	368		76	11,342	
Discovery	2,416	5,652	4	42	1,502		0	9,612	
CYS			40	1,199	404			1,603	
eBranch	7,400	22,218	51	265		49,377		79,260	
Total	24,462	38,326	118	1,712	3,472	49,377	659	118,008	

June

Branch	Circulation	Visits	Programs	Program Attendance	Computer Usage	Database Searches	Town Services	Total Library	Notes
Keswick	7,638	4,611	15	169	994		537	13,949	
Pefferlaw	1,283	1,088	1	11	201		104	2,687	
Sutton	3,691	3,999	10	165	424		109	8,388	
Discovery	2,269	4,718	3	16	1,400		0	8,403	
CYS			11	571	412			983	
eBranch	6,991	27,022	69	273		49,271		83,557	
Total	21,872	41,438	109	1,205	3,431	49,271	750	117,967	

2024 TOTALS

Branch	Circulation	Visits	Programs	Program Attendance	Computer Usage	Database Searches	Town Services	Total Library
Keswick	53,407	36,293	95	1,446	7,168		4,065	102,379
Pefferlaw	7,271	6,281	12	361	1,073		524	15,510
Sutton	33,005	29,865	43	369	2,197		477	65,913
Discovery	11,317	26,700	24	2,659	5,768		0	46,444
CYS			198	4,979	3,047			8,026
eBranch	43,242	142,019	390	1,612		309,462		496,335
Total	148,242	241,158	762	11,426	19,253	309,462	5,066	734,607

Georgina Public Library Circulation & Active User Statistics

2024

Date	Keswick	Sutton	Pefferlaw	Discovery	E-Books	Total	Active Members	Notes
January	10,795	6,170	1,198		7,309	25,472	9,199	
February	9,530	5,741	1,166		6,883	23,320	9,073	
March	9,278	5,686	1,215	3,324	7,458	26,961	8,906	
April	8,495	5,868	1,283	3,008	7,201	25,855	9,708	
May	7,671	5,849	1,126	2,416	7,400	24,462	9,490	
June	7,638	3,691	1,283	2,269	6,991	21,872	8,827	
TOTALS	53,407	33,005	7,271	11,017	43,242	147,942		
Averages	8,901	5,501	1,212	2,754	7,207	24,657	9,201	

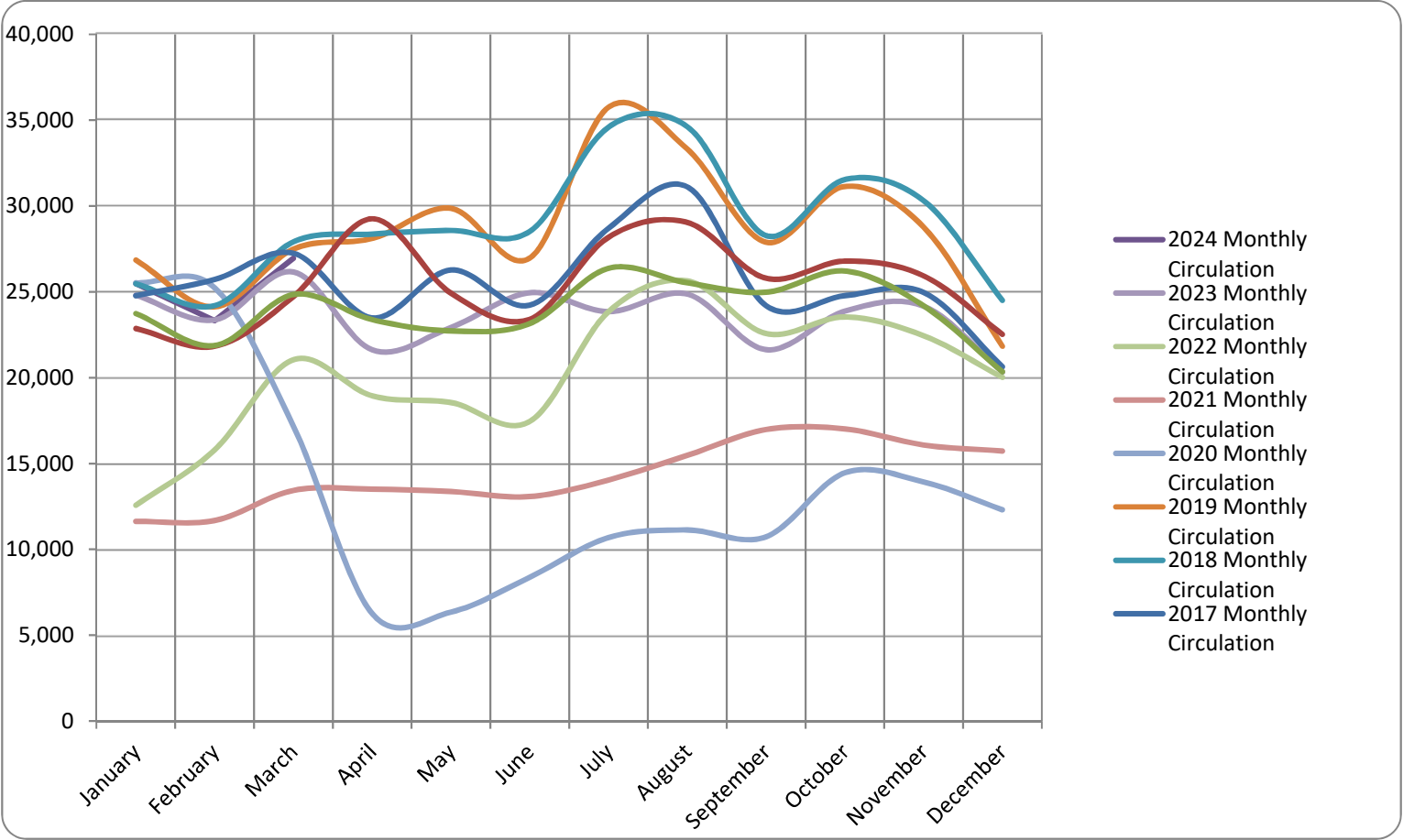
2023

Date	Keswick	Sutton	Pefferlaw	E-Books	Total	Active Members	Notes
January	11,076	6,067	1,071	6,590	24,804	10,166	
February	10,198	5,960	1,178	6,029	23,365	10,125	
March	12,352	6,557	1,125	6,126	26,160	10,135	
April	9,968	4,981	917	5,754	21,620	10,088	
May	9,877	6,029	941	6,079	22,926	10,102	
June	10,210	7,941	922	5,873	24,946	10,083	
July	11,277	5,063	1,447	6,057	23,844	10,010	
August	12,181	5,308	1,210	6,169	24,868	9,901	
September	9,636	4,478	939	6,578	21,631	9,920	
October	9,452	6,670	936	6,814	23,872	9,925	
November	9,111	7,169	1,046	6,839	24,165	9,887	
December	7,985	5,066	912	6,364	20,327	9,897	
TOTALS	123,323	71,289	12,644	75,272	282,528		
Averages	10,277	5,941	1,054	6,273	23,544	10,020	

2022

Date	Keswick	Sutton	Pefferlaw	E-Books	Total	Active Members	Notes
January	3,448	2,284	620	6,212	12,564	11,293	curbside only for 3 weeks of January
February	6,413	3,314	749	5,318	15,794	11,360	extended hours effective Feb 19
March	8,852	4,983	1,091	6,120	21,046	11,532	
April	7,582	4,570	989	5,797	18,938	11,674	
May	6,733	5,278	758	5,785	18,554	11,792	
June	6,492	4,407	915	5,636	17,450	11,955	returned to full hours effective June 25
July	11,867	4,854	1,294	5,830	23,845	12,219	
August	12,887	4,929	1,567	6,257	25,640	12,443	
September	10,936	4,529	1,213	5,891	22,569	12,291	
October	9,674	6,799	1,010	6,053	23,536	10,210	resumed school visits in Sutton
November	9,246	6,236	1,202	5,760	22,444	10,125	
December	8,385	4,953	1,517	5,162	20,017	10,045	
TOTALS	102,515	57,136	12,925	69,821	242,397		
Averages	8,543	4,761	1,077	5,818	20,200	11,412	

2017 - 24 Annual Total Circulation By Month Comparison



2024 Work Plan – June Update

Board Governance Initiatives

Project Name	Project Lead	Start	Projected End	Status	Notes
Succession Planning-staff					
Library Advocacy	Board	On going		On going	
2023 Year in Review	CEO	Q3	Q4		
Sutton Multi-Use Transfer and Operating Agreement	CEO	Q1-2019	2024?	In Progress	Legal agreement for the Sutton Multi-Use Building between the School Boards, Town, and Library. Intro meeting with Town Solicitor on Nov 29/22. As of Jan 2024, Town Solicitor is in discussions with legal teams.
Library & School Boards Agreement on Sutton Branch	CEO	Q1-2019	2024?	In Progress	Transfer and Operating Agreement take precedent. Intro meeting with Town Solicitor on Nov 29/22. As of Jan 2024, Town Solicitor is in discussions with legal teams.

Capital Initiatives

Project Name	Project Lead	Start	Projected End	Status	Notes
MURC Branch	CEO	Q1	Q1-2024	Complete	Open to public as of March 2, 2024
Direct Mail Campaign	Amy Butcher	Q3	Q4		
Technology Equipment Upgrades for Service Desks	Becky George	Q2	Q1-2025		
Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility (IDEA) Strategy	CEO	Q2	Q4	In-progress	In partnership with Town HR; modules were rolled out to staff in April.
Keswick Alcove renovation	CEO	Q2-2022	Q1-2024	Complete	
Security gates-PE & KE	Becky George (Sarah James/ Karolina Roussakis)	Q2-2023	Q4-2024		Vendor has been chosen.

Staffing Initiatives

Project Name	Project Lead	Start	Projected End	Status	Notes
Redistribution of CYSA staff hours	Amy Butcher	Q1	Q1	Complete	One PPT position converted to PFT as of Jan 6.
eServices Technician increase in hours	Becky George	Q1	Q1	Complete	Eservices Tech. hours increase to avg. 24/week as of Jan 6.
Summer Reading Club Assistant-grants	Amy Butcher	Q1	Q3	In Progress	Position start date in May. Not approved for grant(s).

Georgina Public Library

Financial Statement - June 2024

Date: July 8, 2024

	2024 Actuals	2024 Approved Budget	Variance	Percentage To Date	Target to Date	Notes
Revenue						
Town Grant	1,676,770.00	3,353,540	1,676,770	50%	50%	Pro-rated
Provincial Grants	31,300	62,600	31,300	50%	50%	Pro-rated
Misc Grants	-	9,240	9,240	0%	50%	
School Board Revenue	31,915	63,830	31,915	50%	50%	Pro-rated
Donations	4,065	2,100	(1,965)	194%	50%	\$2,900 Friends reimbursement to be moved to proper budget line
Fines	1,104	8,400	7,296	13%	50%	
Misc Fees	242	3,100	2,858	8%	50%	Exam Proctoring, etc
Photocopying Fees	3,544	8,700	5,156	41%	50%	
Program Registrations	292	4,200	3,908	7%	50%	
Book Sale	169	2,400	2,231	7%	50%	
Room Rentals	2,418	6,100	3,682	40%	50%	
Provision from Reserve	5,000	10,000	5,000	50%	50%	Pro-rated
Total Revenues	1,756,820	3,534,210	1,777,391	50%	50%	
Expenses						
Salaries & Benefits	1,407,073	2,603,870	1,196,797	54%	50%	
Library Board	1,360	4,800	3,440	28%	50%	Projected
Library Operations	143,896	454,090	310,194	32%	50%	Utilities, cleaning, courier, supplies, etc.
Training	3,642	23,300	19,658	16%	50%	
Collections	91,286	234,420	143,134	39%	50%	
Telecommunications	4,648	36,940	32,292	13%	50%	
Covid-19 Expenses	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	No allotted budget
Misc	1,830	5,900	4,070	31%	50%	
Contribution to Reserve	85,445	170,890	85,445	50%	50%	Pro-rated
Total Expenses	1,739,180	3,534,210	1,795,030	49%	50%	
Net	17,639	-	(17,639)			

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'An arm's length overreach': Council passes surprise motion to clamp down on Barrie library spending

Barrie library board chair says he's 'disappointed' with the motion

Motion without notice means library has to get city approval on any capital spending outside of budget.



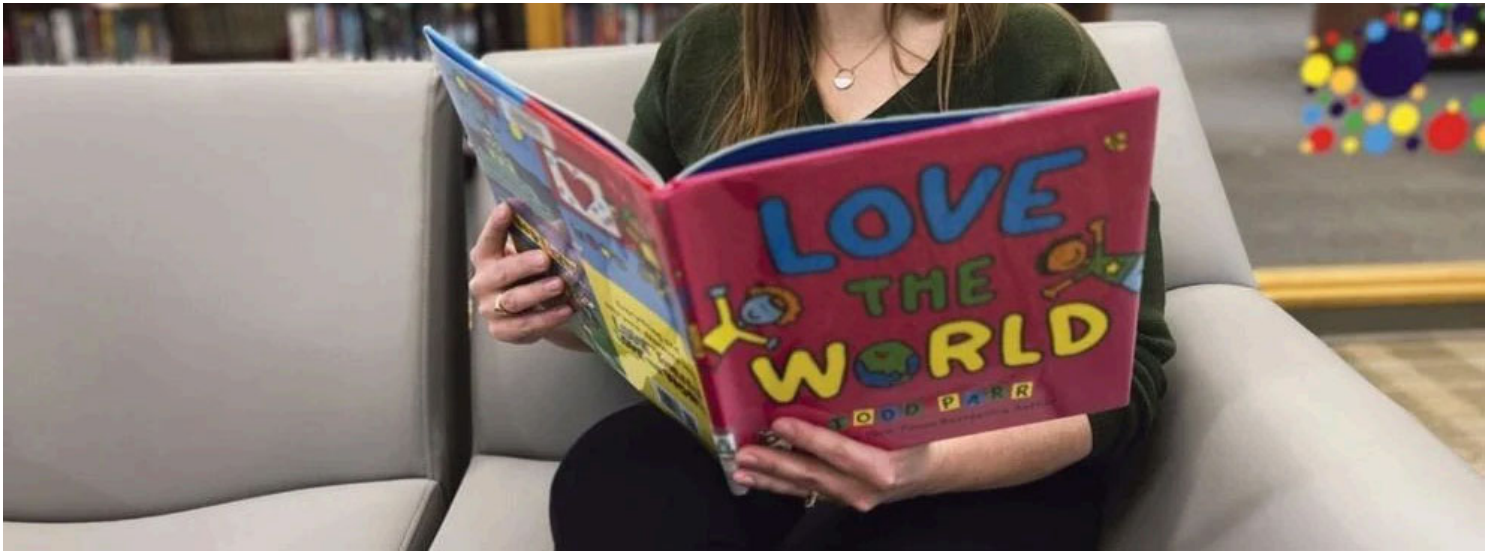
By **Brett Glover** Barrie Advance

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Barrie Library CEO Lauren Jessop says staff provide the library board with an updated budget to actual comparison at each meeting.



Barrie council passed a motion without notice surrounding the Barrie Public Library's spending Wednesday evening, a move one councillor suggested was an "overreach."

Coun. Nigussie Nigussie tabled the motion during the tail end of council's final meeting before it breaks for the summer, requiring the public library to work with city staff to put in place a new financial policy, and get city hall's rubber stamp on any capital spending not already approved in the annual municipal budget.

Nigussie said the move was to ensure responsible spending.

"With council's oversight, members of council, we can help them navigate challenges and seize opportunities," he said during Wednesday's meeting.

Austin Mitchell, chair of the Barrie Library board, later told Simcoe.com via email he was disappointed by the motion, saying the library is transparent in its spending.

"The Library is audited each year by the same third party provider the City of Barrie uses. The results of this audit are provided to the City, and council approves a consolidated audit," he said.

Library CEO Lauren Jessop added that her staff provide the board with a detailed tally on a regular basis.

"Throughout the year, a detailed up-to-date budget to actual comparison is provided at every Board meeting for approval," she stated, adding library staff can speak to any requests for more information, including board trustees and councillors.

Nigussie sits on the Barrie Public Library board, and said he tabled the motion without the knowledge of the rest of the board trustees.

That appears to have included Ward 4 Coun. Amy Courser, who also sits on the library board.

Courser said she couldn't support the motion as written, and pushed to have it referred to the city's finance committee in September.

"I feel that this should be deferred to go through traditional channels in the fall," Courser said.

Her motion was defeated 9-2.

Also opposed to Nigussie's motion was Ward 3 Coun. Ann-Marie Kungl, who said the library has already gone through council scrutiny during budget time.

"The library has done their due diligence. They've come to city council. We've approved the budget. The money that you're talking about within the capital reserve is money that's already been approved," she said.

The Barrie Public Library's budget totalled \$9.8 million when approved by council this year, a \$510,000-plus increase over the year prior, while the library maintains a capital reserve of approximately \$2.6 million.

The edict came via a motion without notice, which are generally reserved for issues where time is of the essence.

Courser questioned the reasoning behind the motion without notice, saying the board has no spending plans until after council resumes in the fall.

"I'm just wondering why it was brought forward as a motion without notice, because it doesn't look like there's anything urgent on this," she stated. "There was discussion of investigating something, but not to access any funding regards for it."

[Simcoe.com](https://www.simcoe.com/news/an-arms-length-overreach-council-passes-surprise-motion-to-clamp-down-on-barrie-library-spending/article_8042661a-...) asked Nigussie why he felt this needed to be addressed before council's summer break.

Nigussie said he was concerned about a staff presentation that called for more than \$1 million in spending on the downtown branch, coming from the library's capital reserve.

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As the reserve is a blend of municipal and donor dollars, Nigussie said he asked for a breakdown of where the funds were coming from.

“I didn’t get a response. And I suspect that, if I missed the council meeting, it might be happening during the summer break. So that’s the main reason why I brought it forward,” he said.

Kungl went on to suggest the motion may cross a line.

“I feel like it’s an arm’s length overreach for us to be saying, until members of the board get what they want, the city’s going to get into the sandbox with them and say, you can’t touch your assets that we’ve historically approved,” Kungl said.

[Simcoe.com](#) asked Nigussie whether other service partners, such as the Barrie Police Service, would face similar scrutiny in the future.

“I recommend to all the service partners to come to council and discuss their reserve. But, since I’m not on the police board, I don’t have much to say about that,” he concluded.



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New Wasaga Beach public library location becomes hub for community service organizations

Wasaga Beach Ministerial Food Bank, Georgian College, Empower Simcoe among 17 organizations offering services through library

Service includes a barrier-free emergency food pantry.



By **Ian Adams** Wasaga Sun

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Kyle Young, the community relations assistant at the Wasaga Beach Public Library, with the emergency food pantry now available at the library.

Ian Adams Metroland photo

Wasaga Beach's new public library location has become the community's go-to spot for a wealth of services beyond lending out books.

Seventeen organizations now use space at the library, either on a weekly, monthly, or as-needed basis, providing free in-house services that support the lives of library patrons and the broader community, noted Kyle Young, the library's community relations assistant.

The rooms in the new library space at 544 River Road West can accommodate groups, and one-on-one meetings in spaces that offer privacy. That's particularly helpful for several of the organizations that provide housing and youth services for those facing risk of homelessness, facing rental and utility arrears, and regaining control of their lives, Young said.

Specific programs also provide residential housing and support services for Indigenous women in crisis or transition.

Other organizations utilizing the space include Service Canada, which can provide guidance on accessing essential services such as Employment Insurance, Canada Pension Plan, and Old Age Security. Health and wellness services available include mental health drop-in sessions, free

programs and workshops promoting physical, mental, and social well-being, and grief support programs to help individuals cope with the loss of a loved one.

For food and nutrition services, the library serves as a drop-off point for Good Food Box orders, providing fresh fruits and vegetables to the community, and the Wasaga Beach Ministerial Food Bank offers a barrier-free emergency food pantry for those in need.

Educational and cultural services supported by the library include early learning and parent education programs, academic and career preparation sessions through Georgian College to help adults upgrade essential skills, and Welcome Centre Immigrant Services helps newcomers integrate and improve their English skills. Additionally, free online French conversation groups are available for adults.

There are also opportunities for networking, socializing, and business training through various community events.

Starting July 11, the South Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre, in partnership with the Town of Wasaga Beach Economic Development and the library, will be available to support local small businesses on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additionally, they will host workshops at the library on the fourth Thursday of each month.

"Some of the partners we had at the old building, but a lot of organizations have been able to come on board with the opening of the new building," Young said.

Some of the organizations

Empower Simcoe; Home Horizon; Biminaawzogin Regional Aboriginal Women's Circle; Service Canada; Collingwood General & Marine Hospital; South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre; Hospice Georgian Triangle; Parkinson Canada; Overeaters Anonymous; EarlyON Child & Family Centre; Community Action Program for Children; Georgian College; Wasaga Beach Chamber Of Commerce; Welcome Centre Immigrant Services; La Clé; The Good Food Box; Wasaga Beach Ministerial Food Bank.

For a complete list of days and times, go to wasagabeachpubliclibrary.ca/community-partnerships/



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StoryWalk event making comeback to Vaughan trails this summer

Immersive experience will include a French-language book for the first time this year

Book-themed event is a partnership between Vaughan Public Libraries and the city's public works teams.



By **Veracia Ankrah** Vaughan Citizen

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StoryWalk returns for the summer to promote children's reading in Vaughan.

Metroland file photo

The popular community event returns with five new Canadian children's books for everyone to explore.

The book event is a partnership between Vaughan Public Libraries and Vaughan's public works teams to combine the joys of reading and the wonders of nature, according to a [news release](#).

StoryWalk is an immersive reading experience where families and friends can witness stories unfold one page at a time while journeying through outdoor trails.

The global initiative, highlighting several Canadian authors and publishers promotes literacy, health and exercise across the globe, a news release says.

This year, the library and public works event comes to life along the following public trails:

- **Mackenzie Glen District Park (Ward 1):** Rikki, Rouquin et Rocco (French) by Ruth Ohi
- **Nort Johnson District Park (Ward 2):** If You Want to Be a Butterfly by Muon Thi Van
- **Lawford Park (Ward 3):** The Boy and the Banyan Tree by Mahtab Narsimhan
- **Sugarbush Heritage Park (Ward 4):** All That Grows by Jack Wong
- **Marita Payne Park (Ward 5):** Choose Kindness by Ruth Ohi

The city reminds residents to use the hashtag #LoveVPL on social media when sharing pictures and videos of their outdoor book walk.

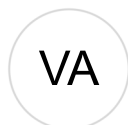
Also, be sure to avoid getting close to or disturbing wildlife on the nature trails.

Find more information on Vaughan's StoryWalk on [the city's website](#).

For more summer reading fun, consider the library's free online resources that are accessible with a library card on their website.

Free resources include e-learning courses, bilingual materials, ebooks, e-audiobooks, films and television programs, music streaming services and more.

The library's Summer Reading Club allows parents and guardians to report the reading progress made by children each week to earn a badge and enter to win a weekly prize.



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Unsheltered in Innisfil: Where can the town's homeless go for help?



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A tent set up near the intersection of Innisfil Beach Road and Adullam Avenue in Alcona. | Chris Simon/InnisfilToday

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The message from public officials is simple: If you're at risk of becoming homeless, or are already in that position, reach out.

Innisfil has had an unsheltered population for many years, but those folks often remained hidden from plain site.

In recent months, however, an attempt to set up a for-profit encampment on a [property along the 25th Sideroad](#), coupled with a woman who has erected a tent on a highly visible strip of private land on Innisfil Beach Road (IBR), brought the issue to the forefront for local service organizations and online chat groups.

The property on the 25th now appears to be up for sale. And *Village Media* has attempted to reach the woman living along IBR on several occasions for more than a month. Through an intermediary, she declined to speak to a reporter at this time.

However, Innisfil ideaLAB and Library staff know her well — she often used the library's services before she became unsheltered, and they frequently help her access food and hygiene products, and connect her with social-service organizations as requested.

And you know what? She's not the only person seeking help right now. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the library has seen a "huge rise" in the number of residents asking for assistance in addressing housing, food insecurity, cost-of-living and mental-health issues.

"Honestly, it is every day that we've been experiencing that," community service co-ordinator Marianna Munro said. "We've seen quite an increase in our community members in need of social services. In response to that, we've stepped in. The library has been actively trying to build stronger partnerships with community organizations and social-services agencies to provide that service in the library."

In fact, the library now provides space for representatives from the [Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County](#), [My Sister's Place](#), Service Canada, Ontario Works, [S.H.I.F.T.](#), [CONTACT Community Services](#), [YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Immigrant Services](#) and [CFS Counselling + Wellbeing's YouthCALL program](#) to come in and meet with clients. It even gives room to a family lawyer to provide free consultations.

This was a conscious step because Innisfil has historically lacked the kind of social-service infrastructure of more urbanized



The Innisfil ideaLAB and Library's Marianna Munro and Stefani Hayes-Adams at the Lakeshore branch. | Chris Simon/InnisfilToday

municipalities like Barrie, and when you're tight for cash it can often be difficult and expensive to travel out of town.

"We're very unique because we are the community hub; the library has put on those shoes and has been trying to meet those needs," Munro said. "There are amazing turnarounds. There are people who change their lives through these services. There are lots of stories that are not being told. We're the heart. We walk with whoever comes in the library looking for help. We truly care."

And less than a month ago, the library entered into a pilot program with the County of Simcoe to hire community service navigator Stefani Hayes-Adams to work out of the Lakeshore, Cookstown and Stroud branches and equip employees with the tools they need to meet the surge.



"We're still recovering as a society from COVID — there's a mental impact from that," Hayes-Adams said. "The increase in inflation, the affordability of raising a family."

She also noted the spike in the number of newcomers who've arrived in the area in recent years. Many have difficulty with language barriers and finding decent accommodations.

"There's a lot of newcomers coming in, faster than we can keep up with," Hayes-Adams said.

But back to the case of the woman living along IBR, who's likely staying so visible for her own security.

"I'm not familiar with this particular instance or this woman's story, but I can say that while some people feel safest in a tent tucked away in the woods, it is completely understandable that she would feel safest in a well-lit area with people around," said Jennifer van Gennip, of the Barrie Homelessness and Housing Justice Network. "The fact is she is in a much more vulnerable position than the people who feel uncomfortable observing her there. Visible homelessness is growing and it's no longer just a city problem."

The town, for its part, has largely been hands off on the IBR situation.

"Beyond engaging police and community services to provide resources, we have done what we can to engage the necessary partners and services," spokesperson Jane Cocking said.

Sgt. Kai Johnson, of the South Simcoe Police Service Community Mobilization and Engagement Unit, says that while there was an initial trespass complaint made by the property owner, there appear to be no plans to have the woman forcibly removed.

"We've dealt with her probably 10 times, give or take a couple," he said, declining to confirm whether the woman has been charged with an offence. "She's always been very co-operative. She's not argumentative in any way."

When asked how the department navigates the needs of an unsheltered person with the concerns of a property owner, Johnson said "every case is different."

"It's not a boilerplate answer," he said. "Social supports have been offered to her. We need to get her supports ... and deal with her needs."

Many Canadian small towns are seeing increases in unsheltered populations for a number of reasons right now, van Gennip said.

"More people are (being) evicted due to loose tenant protections and housing costs that are completely detached from wages and social assistance rates," she said. "Social services are completely overwhelmed."

Johnson said he doesn't believe homelessness is growing in the department's coverage area of Bradford and Innisfil, per se, but there is more awareness of the issue. And a "multi-layered" approach will be needed to solve it.

"Police are a part of the solution, but ... collaboratively, we have to come up with solutions that benefit the community and the individual," he said. "Everybody has a piece of the pie."

Anyone in need of housing assistance should contact the County of Simcoe's [Coordinated Access System](#). Or, if a housing agency or shelter can't be reached, [211](#) may help direct them to support, van Gennip said.

A list of local resources is also available at innisfilidealab.ca/social-services.

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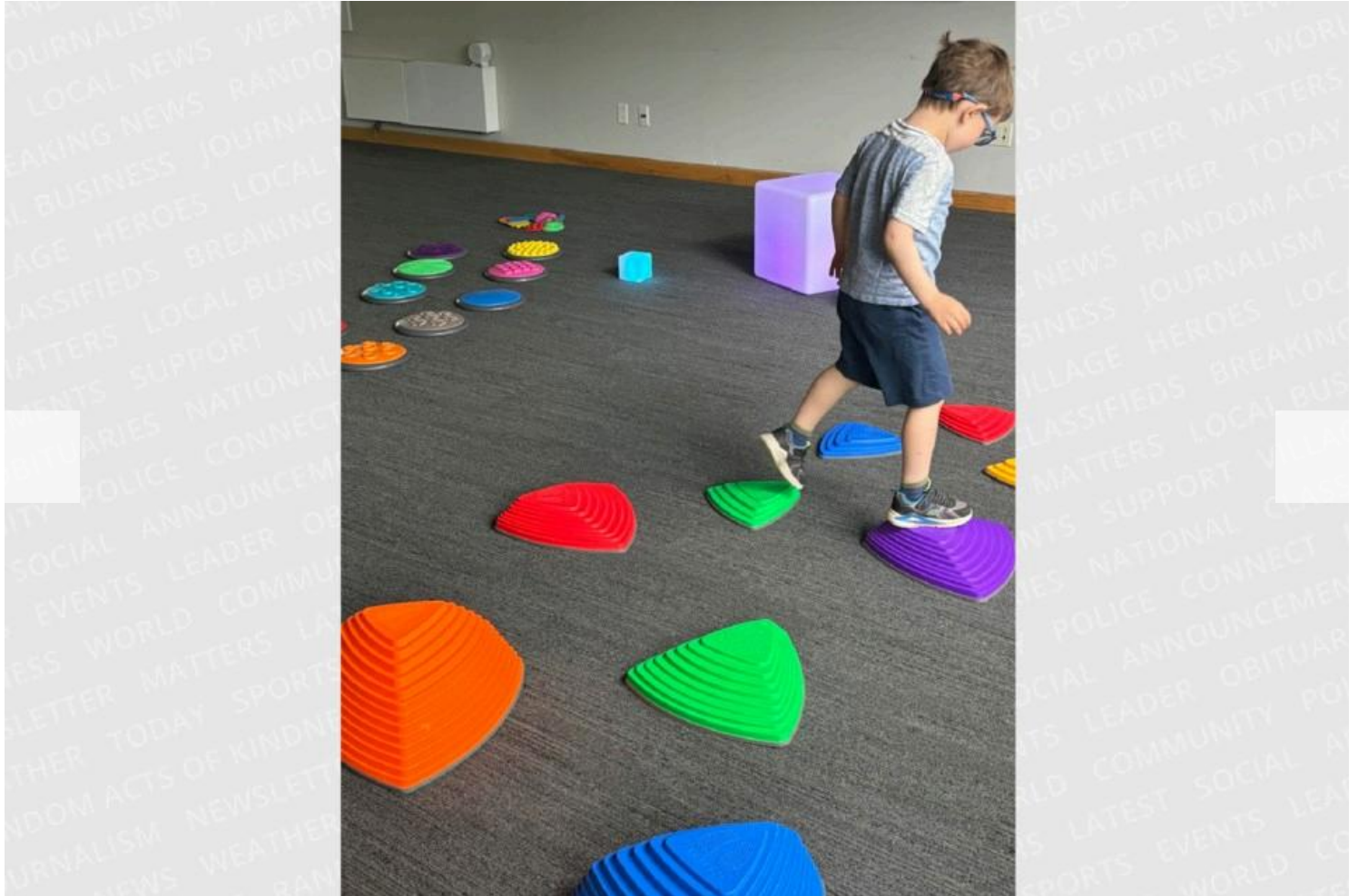
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Innisfil library opens Sensory Room at Lakeshore branch

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The library is excited to announce the opening of a new Sensory Room at the Lakeshore branch, available for booking starting in July.

This new addition is one of many exciting offerings to explore at the library this summer.

The Sensory Room is a specially designed space that will cater to individuals with sensory processing needs. It offers a variety of both calming and stimulating elements, and includes items such as tactile discs and balls, a carousel spinner seat, light cubes, infinity mirrors, and other textured and touch sensitive items. The Sensory Room can be reserved per family, for 45-minute sessions, and will be available for bookings on Fridays and Saturdays. Reservations can be made online at www.innisfilidealab.ca/sensory-room.

Drop in Saturday, July 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for an opportunity to see the equipment, explore the space, and to learn more about booking the Sensory Room.

The library is your destination for summer fun

This summer, the library is filled with endless activities and programs. Keep your children engaged with reading and learning while they have a blast — there's something exciting for everyone.

TD Summer Reading Club

Join the TD Summer Reading Club and get ready to race into new adventures and discoveries. Visit the library to pick up a notebook to keep track of your summer reading. Between July 2 and Aug. 31, tell us about your reading to be eligible for prize draws. Register now at www.innisfilidealab.ca/summer-2024.

TD Summer Reading Club Storywalk

Join the TD Summer Reading Club for our next Storywalk adventure. Families are invited to take part in a self-guided, outdoor reading adventure featuring *The Darkest Dark* by Chris Hadfield along the Innisfil Rotary Trail near town hall, behind the volleyball courts. This story, available in English or French, is inspired by the childhood of astronaut Chris Hadfield.

Love, light and learn

Move and groove with Ms. Love. Join Trician-Renée Edwards, advocate, educator, energetic entertainer, and founder of The Love and Light Collective, for a very special workshop for kids all about kindness. Ages four to eight; \$2 per person; registration required.



Lakeshore: Friday, July 12, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

BenTastic, Magically Fantastic

Don't miss this fast-paced, fun-filled show that is sure to have you spellbound from the moment the magic begins. All ages; \$4 per person; registration required.

Cookstown: Friday, July 19, 11 a.m.

Lakeshore: Friday, July 19, 1:30 p.m.

Evening storytime

Put on your PJs, grab your teddy bear, and join us for the perfect end to a summer's day. Expect an hour of stories, songs, crafts and playtime for the whole family — and maybe a Pixar short film or a couple of campfire sing-alongs, too. Ages zero to five; free drop-in.

Lakeshore: Alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Fun-for-all Fridays

Discover a world of creativity and joy every Friday at our library with exciting craft sessions. All ages; free drop-in.

Lakeshore: Fridays, July 5 to Aug. 24, 1 to 3 p.m.

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Policy Title: Code of Conduct

Intent

Georgina Public Library provides equitable access to a wide range of library services in welcoming surroundings. Rules are required to prevent disruptions to library services, ensure the safety and comfort of public and staff, and maintain the security of library property. Staff makes every effort to apply these rules in a fair, dignified, and positive manner.

Any violation of the Code of Conduct may result in cost-recovery charges, the suspension of library privileges, exclusion from the library, and/or prosecution. Library staff are the sole arbiters of inappropriate behaviours.

Regulations

The following behaviours are prohibited:

1. Damage, misuse, or theft of library materials, equipment, and/or property.
2. Smoking, vaping, including use of e-cigarettes.
3. Interfering with the designated use of computers and networks.
4. Threatening, abusive, or harassing language or behaviour.
5. Disruptive or intrusive behaviour, interfering with the enjoyment of the facilities by the Library's users.
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