

JOINT BRANCH REPORT - February 2024

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- On Saturday, February 17, Georgina Public Library partnered with the Town of Georgina Community Services Department to run Family Skate and Social at Georgina Ice Palace. Families had the opportunity to go for a free skate and speak with Rachael M (CYS Assistant) and Chris L (Maker Space Programmer) about the new Maker Space opening soon at the Discovery Branch.

SPACES

- Final touches are being put on the Discovery Branch at the MURC, in advance of opening on March 2, 2024.

PEOPLE AND LEADERSHIP

- GPL welcomed many new staff members to the team including:
 - In the position of Library Clerk:
 - Tyler, based out of the Peter Gzowski (Sutton) Branch. Tyler was formerly a Library Student, and more recently, a Casual Library Clerk;
 - Britney, former Casual Library Clerk, based out of the Discovery Branch;
 - Brenda, former Casual Library Clerk, based out of the Keswick Branch; and
 - Katrina, based out of the Discovery Branch
 - In the position of Casual Library Clerk:
 - Susan;
 - Loarraine;
 - Julie; and
 - Priyanka
 - In the position of Library Student based out of the Discovery Branch:
 - Serena D;
 - Mackenzie;
 - Laila; and
 - Brooklyn

COLLECTION AND PROGRAMS

- Chris L (Maker Space Programmer) showcased a new Maker Space resource at Keswick Branch, hosting a “Make a Mug” program for teens on Friday, February 2. 37 people attended the program and 22 people made mugs. This program was well received, and offered some valuable learning for us in advance of running similar programs at the Discovery Branch.
- Upcoming Programs:
 - Free Tax Clinics at Discovery Branch and Pefferlaw Branch in April (registration opens March 14). For adults.
 - All About Vermicomposting at Sutton Branch on April 18 and Discovery Branch on April 23. For ages 3-12.
 - Backyard Chickens for Beginners at Pefferlaw Branch on April 20. For adults.
 - Ukuleles Unplugged at Keswick Branch on April 20. All ages welcome.

| Dates | Program Name | Platform/format | Total views/ participants |
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| Various dates | One-on-one technology help (eServices) | Email, chat, phone, in-person | 32 |
| February 6, 13, 20, 27 | Family Storytime | Sutton | 62 |
| February 6, 13, 20, 27 | Ready, Set, Kindergarten | Sutton | 21 |
| February 6, 13, 20, 27 | Reading Buddies | Keswick | 81 |
| February 7, 14, 21, 28 | Family Storytime | Keswick | 146 |
| February 7, 14, 21, 28 | Ukulele Circle | Keswick | 59 |
| February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Babytime | Keswick | 80 |
| February 1, 8, 15, 22 | Ready, Set, Kindergarten | Keswick | 26 |
| February 1, 8, 15, 29 | LEGO Club | Sutton | 115 |
| February 3, 10, 17, 24 | Saturday Family Storytime | Keswick | 105 |
| February 27 | GPL on the GO (visit to EarlyON offsite storytime) | Jersey PS | 17 |
| February 17 | Family Skate and Social | Georgina Ice Palace | 36 |
| February 1 | Embers visit the library | Keswick Branch | 10 |

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| February 29 | Girl Guides Visit | Keswick Branch | 8 |
| February 2 | PA Day Scavenger Hunt | All branches | 55 |
| February 2 | PA Day Program- Make a Mug | Keswick | 37 |
| February 8 | Let's Make Stuff- Valentines Edition | Keswick | 28 |
| February 6 | Pefferlaw Book Club | Pefferlaw | 9 |
| February 6 | Sutton Book Club | Sutton | 7 |
| February 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 | Hooks and Needles Corner | Keswick | 89 |
| February 7 | Pins and Needles | Sutton | 21 |
| February 8, 22 | Welcome Centre Immigrant Services | Keswick | 9 |
| February 7, 14, 28 | English Conversation Circle for Newcomers | Keswick | 9 |
| February 7, 14, 21, 28 | Drop in Stroke Support Group | Sutton | 4 |
| February 7 | Black in Canada: A timeline of Black Canadian History | Keswick | 10 |
| February 13 | How to Save for Your First Home | Zoom | 3 |
| February 21 | Allyship: What Does it Mean | Keswick | 6 |
| February 21 | Trivia at Club 55 Keswick | Club 55 Keswick | 8 |
| February 22 | Black History Month: Author Kern Carter | Zoom | 3 |
| February 23 | A Winter's Night Walk with York Region Forestry | Pefferlaw | 12 |
| February 29 | New Year's Reading Resolutions | All branches | 31 |
| | All recorded videos, re-watched in February | | 2 |
| | | TOTAL | 1084 |

TECHNOLOGY

- Due to a change to both the networking environment and operating system for public computer access at the DC branch, significant staff time and troubleshooting was dedicated to getting our systems ready for opening the branch.