



Peterborough Public Library

To: Library Board of Trustees

From: Jennifer Jones, Library CEO

Meeting Date: October 2, 2018

Subject: Report PPL18-051
Library CEO Report October 2018

Purpose

A report to inform the Library Board of Trustees on general matters concerning Library operations and services.

Recommendation

That the Library Board approve the recommendation in Report PPL18-051 dated October 2, 2018, of the Library CEO as follows:

That the report be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications resulting from the approval of the recommendation of this report.

Background

Training

The library will be closed on Thursday, October 18, 2018 for a staff development day. All staff are expected to be in attendance and we will have two primary training sessions: Bridges out of Poverty and Customer Service training.

Library Commons

Work is ongoing on the property next to the Library – the “Library Commons”. The completion date is unknown at this point, however we are hopeful that it will be sometime this fall. It is also unknown at this time whether the public art piece will be installed this year or early next year (much is weather dependant).

New website

Staff have been busy with preparations for the new website. A community focus group session was held on September 13, 2018 to get feedback on the overall layout of the website. It was a great success and very informative for staff. There is a lot more work yet to be done, but we are getting very excited for the final product.

Programs & Statistics

Registrations have begun for fall programs. A Chess Club for children ages 6 and up in partnership with Peterborough Chess Club was confirmed for the Fall. It will be run by Michael Hickson who was a guest facilitator for us this summer (which was extremely well attended). This will be a registered program, but one session at the very end will be open to anyone who would like to play.

In September:

- 3 Drop In Storytimes with 102 participants
- 1 Grandparents Storytime with 21 participants
- 1 PJ Storytime with 30 participants
- 1 Kawartha Wildlife Centre Workshop with 23 participants

Artsweek

Artsweek took place September 21st to 30th. The Library was host to 2 events, including showcasing the kick off of “Imaginarium”.

- Imaginarium - a large-scale video projection mapping work by filmmaker and media artist Lester Alfonso that transforms the front windows of the new Peterborough Public Library with light and imagination. Imaginarium invites passersby into new worlds and adventures, like those provided by the books on library shelves.
<https://vimeo.com/291284439>
<http://www.lesteralfonso.com/2018/09/18/imaginarium/>
- Between the Water and the Sky – a live performance featuring Unity Indigenous vocal ensemble, Peterborough Symphony Orchestra String Quartet, and dancers/choreographers Beany John and Jade Willoughby.
September 27, 2018 from 5:45pm-6:00pm.

Submitted by,

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