



# Peterborough Public Library

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**To:** Library Board of Trustees

**From:** Jennifer Jones, Library CEO

**Meeting Date:** April 9, 2019

**Subject:** Report PPL19-016  
Library CEO Report April 2019

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## **Purpose**

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

## **Recommendation**

That the Library Board approves the recommendation as outlined in Report PPL19-016 dated April 9, 2019, 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**

### **SPARK**

The SPARK photography festival has returned.

“The SPARK Photo Festival is a celebration of photography, and the artists, dreamers, innovators, storytellers, professionals and enthusiasts behind the camera lens. The 7th annual SPARK Photo Festival is scheduled for April 1 to April 30, 2019. For more information on SPARK” please visit their website: <https://www.sparkphotofestival.org/>

The Library is hosting three exhibits

- “SPARK Juried Exhibit”, Friends of the Library Community Room
- Bill Lockington *Out of Africa*, Upper lobby
- Ken Powell – “Morocco Travels”, Lower lobby

## **Programming**

March was a very busy month for the Children's department. Core programs wound down as staff wound up for March Break programming where 9 programs were offered with a total of 851 people attending. The programs ranged from small workshops to large performances, registered, drop in, creative and educational.

### ***Core Programs***

Drop In Story Time x1 = 39 participants

Tween Book Club x1 = 14 participants

PJ Story Time x1 = 15 participants

### ***Special Events: March Break***

Family Movie (Lego Ninjago) = 87 participants

Drumming with Mel = 18 participants

K2 Story Time = 60 participants

Puppet making with Shelley = 18 participants

Save the Turtles = 103 participants

Make and Play = 81 participants

Lego Build = 92 participants

Puppet Tamer = 161 participants

Dufflebag Theatre (Robin Hood) = 216 participants

Check out the [Events Calendar](#) on the Library website for up to date information about library programs and events.

## **Partnerships**

We have been invited to participate in a new initiative through the Ontario Public Health Association called “Keeping Kids Healthy”. The Library's Children's department was invited to submit programs for a fun guide put out by Public Health of free activities called “Kids Get Active”, happening during the month of June, in and around Peterborough.

## **Food for Fines**

The Library's Food for Fines campaign in March 2019 was successful in providing over 1,170 pounds of food to the Kawartha Food Share. Over \$1,500 in fines were waived from library memberships as a result of the food donations.

## **Security Services and Incidents**

Incidents at the library continue to occur. These range from minor disagreements to theft, reports of drug use, and inappropriate behaviour in a public facility. The library's 2019 budget included an expansion to the current security services hours, which would allow a security guard to be on site during the full operating hours of the library. This service began on April 1, 2019.

## **Cafe update**

The Library is continuing to work with the Peterborough Sport & Wellness Centre to find a solution to providing cafe services at our locations. We are exploring a local option and are working on sorting out the details of an arrangement that would work for both locations.

## **Library Commons update**

Work on the Library Commons is scheduled to restart the end of April/early May if weather permits. The hope is that the final stages of construction will be complete in short order and the public art piece installation can be coordinated for June.

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