



Peterborough Public Library

To: Library Board of Trustees

From: Jennifer Jones, Library CEO

Meeting Date: June 4, 2019

Subject: Report PPL19-028
Library CEO Report June 2019

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 PPL19-028 dated June 4, 2019, of the Library CEO as follows:

That Report PPL19-028 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

Art in the Library

In recognition of Brain Injury Awareness Month we are displaying 20 masks created by clients of the Brain Injury Association Peterborough Region (BIAPR) on Charlotte St. There will also be an Artist Meet & Greet in the Friends of the Library Community Room on June 13 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm

There is also a second display from the Women's Book Art Collective in the Main area of the library. The exhibit will be up until August 4, 2019.

The Women's Book Art Collective (WoBoArCo) is an open, ongoing collective of women artists (artists who identify as women), who have created a small work of art in the form of an accordion pop-up book. The artists receive a blank copy of the 8 page book and are told, "Fill it with whatever you want. The point is to play with what is at hand. 8 little scrappy bits of whatever you have lying around your studio." There is an opportunity for members of the public to participate by submitting their own works of Book Art.

Land Acknowledgement

Library staff met with a representative from the Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre to discuss opportunities to further develop a relationship. We are working on improving the Library's topical collection of books and materials. We are also exploring the installation of a permanent land acknowledgement statement on the eastern wall of the library entrance. Both parties are excited for the opportunity available to partner, to offer joint programs and activities, host art exhibits, and to develop a new relationship together.

Cafe update

The Library is continuing its search for a solution for the Cafe space.

Library Commons update

Work on the Library Commons (corner of Simcoe and Aylmer Streets) has started up again. Their goal is to have the space completed by the end of June, including the installation of the Public Art piece.

Programming & Statistics

Drop In Story Time x 4 = 190 participants

Tween Book Group x 1 = 9 participants

Story Time en français x 1 = 30 participants

Mother's day craft x 1 = 13 participants

Cursive writing x 3 = 12 participants

Healthy Families presentation an evening with Ann Douglas x 1 = 65 participants

We had a record breaking number of school tours this month, not only at the Main Library, but at our DelaFosse Branch as well. There were 12 tours in total to over 300 children. Many teachers have been planning a community walk with their students which often includes the Wednesday market and the library. We've so enjoyed welcoming our local schools for a visit. Many children have never been to the library before and are pretty excited when they get their own library cards!

During National Accessibility Week (May 26-May 31), we were able to feature some of the tools we can offer including an Assistive Listening Device display and Wheelchair Clinic as well as Story Times and Book Club discussions with assistive listening devices provided for use.

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

Visitors through the doors: (showing an upward monthly trend)

	2018	2019
January	N/A	25,544
February	N/A	23,515
March	25,871	29,948
April	26,122	26,467

New members in 2019:

January	320
February	293
March	388
April	285

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. Security guard services continue to be a great support for staff.

There have been 63 incident reports filed by the Library between December 1, 2018 to May 22, 2019. Of these, 21 took place since April 1, 2019 when full time security services were implemented.

Drug Litter	Intoxication	Other	Public Altercation	Public Disturbance	Report Only	Theft	Threat
5	3	9	4	28	11	2	1

There are currently 19 active temporary bans from the library and 2 lifetime bans.

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