

KEY MONTHLY LIBRARY ACTIVITIES - 2012

Month: JUNE

REACHING OUT TO...

FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS

1. Sciences and Business staff conducted their first "Job Hunting for Teens" program during Exam Week.
2. Sciences and Business staff continued their Explore E-Resources series of workshops. This month, the focus was High School and Careers Research. Attendees explored online databases (accessible in library and from home) such as Teen Health & Wellness, Canadian Points of View, Expanded Academic ASAP, and Info Trac Student Edition K-12.
3. The Mississauga Library System hosted 2 author visit sessions in the Noel Ryan Auditorium on June 8th. Authors Martin Springett (Kate & Pippa) and Richard Ungar (Time Snatchers) entertained the audience. Summer Reading Club was promoted by library staff and all who participated in this event celebrated the joy of reading.
4. Children's Services staff ran Summer Reading Club Outreach events for 5 elementary schools. They attended schools and ran multiple sessions over a day to reach all grades at each school site.
5. Children's Services staff provided registration and statistics gathering guidance and shared programming ideas with all 18 Mississauga Library System branches. The goal of this session was to infuse enthusiasm in all staff so that they in turn will share that enthusiasm with our customers.

YOUTH

1. The Central Library implemented an exam week strategy which better accommodated all the students who use the branch to study. Group study was welcomed on the ground, 2nd and 3rd floors while quiet study was maintained on the 4th floor. The classrooms were open to silent studiers and offered as an alternative to those who needed quiet. Additional signage welcomed all customers, especially youth, and invited customers to ask about the different study areas. A lounge was offered to youth to allow for them to enjoy a break and their time at the library.
2. Staff from Readers' Den attended the 2012 Youth Connect event in Celebration Square with a display featuring summer programs for teens and information about the Teen Advisory Group.
3. Central Library Teen Advisory Group member, Dheevesh Arulmani, was one of the recipients of the "Youth in Motion Top 20 Under 20" awards. The Top 20 Under 20™ Award program is designed to identify outstanding young Canadian leaders, further develop their skills and aptitudes, focus and fuel their passions. Congratulations, Dheevesh!

OLDER ADULTS

1. Central Sciences and Business staff conducted 5 computer workshops focussing on Mouse Skills, Internet Skills (Basic and Intermediate) and Email. 10 people attended the popular Saturday morning sessions and 11 people were on the waitlist.
2. Readers' Den staff participated in the Older Adult Fair and promoted Homebound services, Books-to-Go and other relevant services.
3. Two new Homebound customers were added in June and a new volunteer driver has applied to assist with the service.

NEW CANADIANS

1. Sciences and Business staff coordinated 13 Career Tours for the following community agencies: Fleming Adult Learning Centre, Newcomer Centre of Peel, ACCESS Employment, Peel Multicultural Council, St. Gabriel Adult Learning Centre. One hundred and seventy two attendees left with the ability to navigate the Library's Career Centre and various job searching databases. Thirty seven attendees returned over 2 Career Research Days to expand their knowledge of resume writing and interview skills.