

## KEY MONTHLY LIBRARY ACTIVITIES - 2012

<b>Month</b>	September and October 2012
<b>Location</b>	Central Library
<b>REACHING OUT TO...</b>	
Families and Caregivers	
1.	Sciences and Business staff conducted an Explore E-Resources: Junior Research and Homework Help program for homeschooling parents focussing on how to use library print and e-resources. Attendees learned about relevant databases and library resources.
2.	The Children's Department held their annual Spooky Stories Spectacular for families during the Bookfest on October 27, 2012. To the delight of the audience, staff brought to life the horrific characters from the chilling tales by dressing up as the grisly ghouls! As an added bonus children were overjoyed to find that the narrator for the event was the ever-popular superhero Iron Man. The production was attended by more than 100 people and was enjoyed by all.
Youth	
1.	Central Readers' Den hosted an introductory photography workshop on October 20th, attended by 23 youth. Participants were able to practice with digital cameras and learn from a student in the Sheridan College Photography program. The workshop also generated many entries for the forthcoming Youth Photography Showcase to be held at Central.
2.	Saturday afternoon chess in the Readers' Den youth zone that started during the summer, continues to be a successful weekly event. Drawing an average of 6 to 7 young chess players each weekend, the program is run by various Readers' Den staff.
3.	Woodlands High School's student book club has joined the library system's Books to Go service, which is operated by Readers' Den staff. The Books to Go team continues to develop readers' guides for youth fiction titles in order to appeal to young adult book clubs.
Older Adults	
1.	Sciences and Business staff conducted an Explore E-Resources: Junior Research and Homework Help program for homeschooling parents focussing on how to use library print and e-resources. Attendees learned about relevant databases and library resources.
2.	"Computer Buddies" is an intergenerational program that connects teenagers with older adults who wish to learn about computers. Ten partners met at the Central Library over the course the summer for one-on-one instruction under staff supervision. The younger buddies earned community service hours required for their high school graduation. The Fall session started in October with 11 teen volunteers teaching computers to 11 older adults.
3.	Readers' Den staff visited Tyndall Senior Village and presented on library system services, including the Homebound program. Homebound added six new customers and an additional senior residence as an institutional client in October.
New Canadians	
1.	Sciences and Business staff coordinated 27 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. Three hundred sixty five attendees left with the ability to navigate the Library's Career Centre and various job searching databases.
2.	Sciences and Business staff conducted "The Canadian Citizenship Test: Get Ready!" program, highlighting information on practice tests, application procedures, documents to bring on test day and the Oath of Citizenship. Citizenship Judge Mina Yung-Fang also attended the program and answered questions from 14 eager participants.
3.	In partnership with the Newcomer Information Centre of The Centre for Education and Training, Sciences and Business staff hosted "Employment Search" a comprehensive session that guides newcomers in identifying their employment search priorities and finds the resources/services that will quickly address any deficiencies.

4.	After a summer break, the Fall session of the English Conversation Circle has started again at the Central Library. The meetings are facilitated by Arts and History staff. So far 18 New Canadians have signed up.
<b>Adults</b>	
1.	Sciences and Business Department hosted Harsh Thakkar, MBA, PMP and Deesha Thakka, who spoke about Vedic mathematics, which makes math fun and easy, especially for people with math phobia. Twenty two attendees enjoyed the 'magic' of mental mathematics.
2.	In partnership with the Royal Canadian Institute for the Advancement of Science (RCI), the Sciences and Business Department hosted Brian J. Murray, Associate Professor at the University of Toronto and the Director of the Sleep Laboratory at the Sunnybrook Research Institute. His lecture on “Our Emerging Understanding of the Neurobiological Basis of Sleep” drew an audience of 19 people.
3.	In partnership with The Centre for Education and Training, Sciences and Business hosted one-on-one sessions covering job hunting and interview tips in addition to assistance in writing an effective resume for 13 attendees.
<b>COMPLETING OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS</b>	
1.	On October 27 <sup>th</sup> , the Mississauga Central Library hosted the 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Mississauga Book Fest. This year, there were several interesting venues to attend, including the Local Authors’ Lounge, the Living Library, and the Kids’ Zone. Tech Rovers offered assistance with new gadgets; friendly staff answered questions at the Library Programs and Services Fair; local youth showed off their talent in the Youth Photography Exhibit. The <b>Human Library</b> event was a huge hit with customers of all ages. Four “human books” interacted with the public throughout the afternoon, talking about their occupations, answering questions and posing for pictures. It was a great day that truly promoted the joy of reading by celebrating readers, writers and authors. Twenty-one of Mississauga’s most enthusiastic local authors participated and a festive atmosphere ensued as authors shared their books and experiences with the members of the public and with one another. Well-known local history author Kathleen Hicks, promoted her new novel, Move Over, Buddy Rich. Other participants included Gail Crawford and her co-editors with their freshly published book Extraordinary lives : inspiring women of Peel; Fran Goddu, President of the Mazo de la Roche Society; Hans Maltzahn with his intriguing novel The Black Sun Ascendant: An Assassin’s Tale; FOL members Pratap Reddy with his poetry and Ian Stout with his latest mystery, Missing in Paradise; prize-winning Zohra Zoberi with her new book of poems, True Colours, and husband- and-wife team Jason and Rashmi Pluscec with their colourful creations.
<b>LIVING GREEN</b>	
1.	The Arts and History Department has arranged for the regular pickup of used batteries. A special battery disposal container is now available on the 3rd floor of the Central Library for all Central Departments to use.
<b>OTHER (SPECIAL INITIATIVES)</b>	
1.	The Library’s Social Media presence continues to grow. Facebook added 22 fans in September and October, for a total of 1262; Twitter gained 42 followers, for a total of 1437. In addition, Sciences and Business fielded 362 general email inquiries.
2.	Sciences and Business staff continue to provide exemplary eBook support. In September and October, staff answered 125 support questions (via email, phone, in-person); the average response time was under 48 hours.
3.	The Arts and History Department is hosting “Made in Taiwan”, a Film and Photo Exhibit from September 12-November 18, 2012. So far, 534 people have attended 7 screenings of award-winning feature films and documentaries showcasing Taiwan. Also featured, is an exhibit of beautiful photographs celebrating the breathtaking diversity of Taiwan. The photos are displayed on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Central Library.
4.	Jean Conte (Peel Board Library Instruction Coordinator and adjunct faculty at York University)

	brought in 15 teachers to the Central Library. These Teacher Librarian Level 1 students appreciated the professional education workshop and the tour that followed.
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