

# **KEY MONTHLY LIBRARY ACTIVITIES - 2011**

**Month:** July - August

**Location:** Erin Meadows Library

## **REACHING OUT TO...**

### **FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS**

1. In keeping with the TD Summer Reading Club theme of "Splash!" Erin Meadows Library staff partnered with the Erin Meadows Community Centre swimming instructors to offer water safety tips to parents and young children. Parents were pleased to have their little ones reminded of the importance of safety near water.
2. This summer at the Erin Meadows Library, library staff and St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs introduced the Paws 4 Stories program. Attending from St John's Ambulance were volunteers with their dogs, a Siberian Husky, and a Bichon Frise. Children had a great time practicing their reading skills by reading to the dogs. This program is wonderful because students can practice their reading skills without someone correcting or judging them.
3. The Erin Meadows Library offered 4 Family Storytimes with an attendance of over 180 people. Families were also treated to a visit from Silly Miss Tilly.

### **YOUTH**

1. The Erin Meadows Library Teen Advisory Group (TAG) worked with staff to organize and offer four programs of special interest to other youth. The teens themselves produced and led sessions of summer camp that offered training in public speaking, writing, digital art and leadership. All sessions were well attended and well received.
2. Several programs for school aged children were offered over the summer including the TD Summer Reading Club and a junior version of the same, drop-in chess and gaming, and Mad Science.

### **NEWCOMERS**

1. The Peel Multicultural Group and the Erin Meadows Library partnered once again to offer the very successful four day Job Search and Resume Workshop for Newcomers. In some cases, people who have been in Canada for only a few days have signed up for help in finding professional work in their new country.

2. The Library hosted staff from Polycultural Immigrant & Community Services who were available to assist customers with information and referrals throughout the summer.

### **COMPLETING OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS**

1. The very successful knitting circle returned as part of summer programming. 48 knitters were welcomed.