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Jake Dheer is the Station Manager for Rogers TV, Mississauga. He is a Past Chair of the Mississauga Board of Trade. Jake is a strong community activist who has held and continues to hold leadership roles on boards with organizations such as the United Way of Peel, Credit Valley Hospital Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel, Mississauga Chinese Business Association, Living Arts Centre, Peel Children's Aid Foundation and Carassauga to name a few. He is the co-founder of The Revolutionary Film Company, Mixed Nuts Comedy Troupe and two programs. Recipient of several awards a n d recognitions in the broadcast industry and for his community work, Jake was Mississauga's 2005 Citizen of the Year and is also the recipient of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship Award from Rotary International. Jake and his family live in Mississauga.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



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ACTING DIRECTOR OF
LIBRARY SERVICES

Welcome to the Mississauga Library System's 2009 annual report to its community. The stories within this report reflect the Library's activity relating to both the Library Board's key objectives and the City's own strategic priorities which guide all local services including the Library. These priorities fuelled the following key Library successes in 2009:

# You can reduce your stress through books, DVDs and magazines

- started the implementation of the City's recent plan for services to older adults
- started the implementation of the City's new plan for youth
- started the implementation of the City's new plan for the arts, culture and heritage
- observed the Library's theme for 2009 *Celebrating Our Past* with appropriate programs
- opened the expansion to the Cooksville Branch Library
- sponsored the fall Mississauga Literacy Festival at the Living Arts Centre
- expanded cooperative efforts with local schools, newcomer and community agencies
- completed the Library's Future Directions 5 year master plan for 2010-2015

Last year, the Library circulated 8.24 million items completing an extraordinary year of service to the residents of the City of Mississauga. Mississaugans turned to their neighbourhood public libraries as never before for free books, music and movies; children, teens, adults and

seniors programs; reading and emergent literacy instruction; homework assistance; access to technology and Internet and assistance in searching for and applying for jobs. In good times and bad, the Library provides useful free services and resources to its community.

We look to build on the successes of 2009 in the year ahead. Plans are underway to:

- begin the process of replacing the Library's computer system with more flexible, user-friendly technology for the future
- complete three of the four library branch redevelopments
- expand community partnerships
- expand virtual services
- redevelop the Meadowvale and Woodlands Branch Libraries

Reading to succeed at any age is the Library's theme for 2010. Decide that 2010 is the year to get a library card for you and every member of your family - and use it often! A library card will help you succeed. You can use the Internet and word processing terminals for free. You can use the career resources to find a job, start a business or begin a new rewarding career. You can reduce your stress through books, DVDs and magazines. You can give your kids a head-start by registering for one of the Library's many programs. You can join the Friends of the Library and know that you are supporting literacy in this community. You can research your family's history by using the Library's local history collection. Getting a library card is absolutely free. Finding books and meeting new friends will enrich your life - and help you succeed at any age.

# Happy reading (listening and viewing) in 2010!



# YOU VISITED

YOUR LIBRARY

**4,439,550** times in 2009!



#### SHALINI DA CUNHA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Growing up, it never failed to impress me how well informed my Father was about local and world events. Family and friends often engaged him in conversation on current issues as a way to get his opinions because they knew that he studied the newspapers from cover to cover, absorbing everything he read!

I was very young when I learned the importance of reading. Every Saturday morning I would look forward to listening to my Mother who would read the Saturday newspaper to my three sisters and me. The four of us, huddled up in her bed, would listen attentively to the stories of petty thieves and world catastrophes. Local and international political stories would come to life through her words. I understood then how important it was to read and connect with the whole world through the newspaper.

McMillan Library was the main library in Nairobi, Kenya. A grand building built by the early colonialists with large wooden doors, it would beckon us in most Saturdays as we went to select books for our weekly reading. Walking through the library and pondering across the well stocked APRIL - JUNE 2010 • THE MISSISSAUGA NEWS

### LEADERS & LIBRARIES

shelves was always an exciting experience for all of us. I could barely wait to reach home to make the books come alive as I read about the adventures, trials and tribulations of the characters in those books.

During a time where there was no Internet and we only had one TV station that ran from 5pm to 11pm each night, reading books allowed me to visit places and learn about different cultures and traditions so far away from home. Visits to the library were a welcome outing for us as a family.

When we immigrated to Canada I was very impressed to see the library system that was available to the community in Mississauga. The resources far exceeded what we had in Nairobi. Weekly visits to the library became a routine as a way for my three children to appreciate how much the library could offer them. I hope that all new Canadians residing in Mississauga can appreciate what the library system has to offer them. Reading materials are available in many different languages and formats - including newspapers, videos and the small business centre resources - the list is endless. I would encourage everyone to utilize this amazing resource, the Mississauga Library System, which sits right at one's fingertips, for reading for pleasure; research or even a job search.

LINK 🏏

## NEW

# ALL LIBRARY BRANCHES OPENING SUNDAYS

Starting April 11, 2010, all Mississauga Library System locations will be open on Sundays from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Note that all locations are closed on Sundays of long weekends. Regular Sunday service runs until Victoria Day weekend. For locations and map, check it out at www. mississauga.ca/library.

For 2010, all library locations open from Sunday, April 11 to Sunday, May 16, 2010. The Library's summer hours start the week of May 17, 2010. Only the Mississauga Central Library is open on Sundays between the Victoria Day and Thanksgiving Day weekends. Sunday service resumes at all other locations on Sunday, October 17, 2010.

Library locations closed for renovations in 2010 and 2011 follow the Sunday hours schedule when they reopen.

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Revenues Municipal Contribution Province of Ontario Grants Fines and Other Service Cha Total Revenues	2008 20,083 715 rges 1,539 22,337	2009 23,482 715 1,645 25,842
Expenditures Salaries, Wages and Fringe Ber Library Materials Other Total Expenditures	nefits <b>19,155</b> 2,391 789 22,337	19,494 2,392 3,957* 25,842

<sup>\* 2009</sup> expenditures includes \$1,198 admin/custodial/IT allocations; \$864 utilities and \$1,132 leases transferred from Corporate Services

#### Library - Capital Budget 2009

(All amounts are in \$000 - based upon un-audited year end figures.)

Library Materials	\$126
Renovations at various locations	\$214

# Quick Facts 2009

Total Visits: 4,439,550 .....

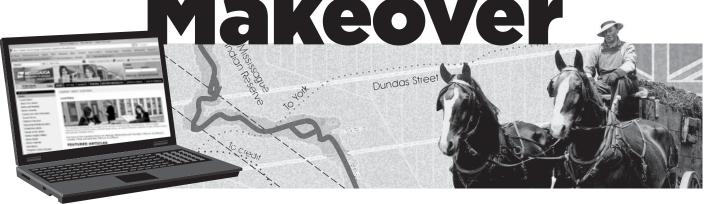
# QUEKT-2009

Total Visits	. 4,439,550
Total Visits to Central Library	
Average Daily Visits	12,684
Average Daily Visits to Central Library	
Reference Questions Answered	
Circulation	8.235.708
Library Collection	
Number of Library Customers	
Number of Story times	
Attendance at Story times	
Number of Class Visits	34,910 2.4.4
Number of Class Visits	
Attendance at Class Visits	
Number of Teen/TAG Programs	
Attendance at Teen/TAG Programs	
Number of Outreach Programs	513
Attendance at Outreach Programs	
Number of Homebound Customers	104
Number of Items Delivered to	
Homebound Customers	
Number of Visits to Library Webpage	616,387
Number of Library Computer Uses	
Number of Wireless Uses	

Local History

**Web Page Gets a** 

There's more than ever on the Library's new Local History web page! Redesigned to give you greater access to Mississauga's past, the site features:



- online video launch of Our Saga: The Creation of a City
- Mississauga Milestones from 1796 to the present
- stories from Mississauga enthusiast and columnist, Richard Collins
- summaries of Canadiana resources, with contents lists for files and scrapbooks
- link to the Our Heritage Series by Kathleen Hicks
- index to The Mississauga News from October 1999
- support for family history research

Total Visits to Central Library:

- access to almost 5,000 heritage images
- links to digital collections of early books
- connections to Mississauga's heritage community

Check it out at http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/localhistory



### **Shared Services Successes**



DEBBIE
MACDONALD
AREA MANAGER
SHARED SERVICES

Explore the achievements of this past year – everything from processing over 160,000 items to members logging 290,300 wireless uses to programs attracting 53,332 attendees.

Succeed material, All about Your Library information piece; children's program brochures; Every Child Ready to Read, monthly content for the Library's e newsletter; multilingual communications; digitized local history materials; supported local authors by selling their books at the e store and bookmark campaigns.

Through 2009, the Library continued its **celebrity READ campaign** and **Leaders and Libraries** features. Each and every year, the Library benefits from the support of

Average Daily Visits: 12,684 ... Average Daily Visits to Central Library: 2,349

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

It was the year to **Celebrate the Past** – 2009 was the mid way point of the United Nations Decade of Literacy. The Library adopted this as its theme and promoted all aspects of literacy – reading, civic, electronic, local history- ensuring the health of this community. Through a sponsorship with the Mississauga News the year started with a bang – a 2009 wall calendar and a comprehensive booklist of local history materials. The Library set a goal to promote its literary scene and the many authors that call Mississauga home.

The **Commercial Posting Service** is provided as a service for off the street requests from businesses to market their services throughout the Library. Commercial posting services have been used by 60 businesses this year. Many GTA libraries have contacted Mississauga this year upon hearing of this innovative revenue source. Ad sales continued at a brisk pace and all publicity pieces were subsidized through advertisers – ads were sold out in 2009.

An important part of the work of the Community Development Team is the production of **publicity and marketing products** for our internal customers. These include generic brochures, newsletter and bookmarks for annual programs, special projects and customer communication pieces - LINK newsletters, Read to

its community leaders and sponsors to tell life changing stories:

"I received the fundamentals of my education in school but that was not enough. My real education, I got out of the public library. For an impoverished child whose family could not afford to buy books, the library was the open door to wonder and achievement, and I can never be sufficiently grateful that I had the wit to charge through that door and make the most of it."

Isaac Asimov

All of these tactics support the Library's goals and missions and ensure both members and non members understand the value of library services within this community.

Many efforts were directed at the launch of the Library's **e-marketing strategy** as the goals, format and content for the successful Dear Reader newsletters and book clubs were developed and launched. Use of screen savers on the Library's 400 catalogue terminals has been non stop, as these workstations become marketing kiosks for City and Library announcements. The Library has had many enquiries from Ontario libraries when this innovative tactic was announced at the Think Tank in Oakville. There will be many discussions about redefining the Library's current marketing tactics based primarily on paper products and develop a communication plan to transition the Library in the new electronic reality of members and non members.

Questions Answered: 322,350

The Library continued to distribute community information throughout the branch locations and has become the number one place for the community's groups and clubs to market their good work. Over **470 community groups** contacted the Library this year to be a part of their communication plans into the community. The Library moves into the City's next phase of cultural and community mapping. The team conducted site visits to other GTA libraries and continued to share best practices ideas with other library systems.

Civic literacy and awareness of library services were advanced through this year's **Other Languages Program**. Through the City translation company, the Library translated, printed and posted on their web page, all of the Library's generic publicity pieces. These have all come together on a new and improved Newcomers' site on the Library's page. New Canadians are a priority market for both the City and Library moving forward.

In 2010 the Library celebrates the year of **reading to** succeed at any age.

#### WEB SERVICES

2009 was a busy year for advancement of the **Library's E-Strategy** in conjunction with the Community Development unit, through additional web presence and services including:

- Launched Library e-newsletters including e-news and e-book club newsletters to 24,000 Library customers monthly
- Created an interactive/clickable Library location map
- Expanded use of screen savers on 420 public PCs to promote both Library and City initiatives
- Added documents to Newcomers page
- Created new Summer Reading Club web page
- Created new Literary Festival web page
- Created online Gallery feature to enable posting of Library images from events and programs. This year included images from a system-wide art contest.
- Online Future Directions Master Plan presence and survey for public information and input
- Nearly completed redesign of Local History site including working with IT to create a flash movie
- Created new web resources for librarians iSpace - an interactive website with social networking tools

#### MATERIAL HANDLING

Through 2009 over 160,000 new items were processed for the System, both acquisitions and donations. The Library maintained daily courier service without interruption, despite staff shortages. A new Courier/Receiver was hired in June bringing us back to full complement.

Materials Handling took delivery of two new replacement trucks in October. Both trucks are fitted with a hydraulic lift which makes the loading and unloading much easier and safer.

A Library Science student from Jamaica spent a day in Material Handling and was impressed and very appreciative of gaining experience in the Library's processing and interlibrary loan functions.

Interlibrary Loan received a number of accolades from customers expressing their satisfaction with the service they received.

### COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

In 2009 a review was conducted on the Library's backorders. Using both vendor and in-house reports, outstanding titles were removed or followed-up with the appropriate suppliers for materials ordered but never delivered. This resulted in an updated and accurate account and released encumbered funds for new orders.

Shared Services team completed the selection of a new downloadable audio book system which will enable customers to download books directly to their I-Pods and MP-3 players.

The Acquisitions Team implemented an interim centralized library material selection model. Fewer staff members are involved in selecting library materials, eliminating duplication and streamlining the ordering process.

The Library System completed a tender to select a new vendor to provide the Library with popular video games. The Provincial Government made available over \$100,000 to the Mississauga Library System to enable it to launch this new collection. These games will bring young adults and families to the Library.

### **Shared Services includes:**

- Debbie MacDonald, Area Manager
- Bob Eastman, IT Specialist
- Ingrid Keuper Dalton, Community Development Specialist
- Ted Sharp, Manager, Collection Management
- Judy McKay, Manager, Processing and Material Handling
- Joanne Southam, *Web Coordinator*
- Donna Cardiff, Data Coordinator
- Lydia Butler, Budget Clerk

. Circulation: 8,235,708 .... Library Collection: 1,333,243

### Area ONE Successes



ANNE MURPHY Area Manager, Mississauga Central Library

times:

Number of

# ARTS AND HISTORY DEPARTMENT MARIAN KUTARNA MANAGER

The Arts & History Department led the outreach effort for Central Library for Grades 7-12 in both School Boards by ensuring monthly contact with schools, contributing to the Library's monthly e-newsletter, hosting class visits, and offering general workshop to students and teachers

such as "What's in it for you @ the Library", sessions on plagiarism and criticism, specific subject area, and/or specific research databases like the Literary Resource Center. Staff hosted 2,000 students in 2009 (an increase of 40% over 2008), and participated in the Peel Parent Literacy Conference, Newcomer Orientation Week, Welcome & Information for Newcomer Families, Teen Boys Literacy workshops, sessions on the Grade 10 Literacy Test as well as teachers' Personal Development Days.

It was 2009 Celebrating Our Past, and local history staff partnered with Heritage Four to prepare and deliver the Speaker Series Events That Shaped Mississauga which included such topics as the Avro Arrow, local native history, the launch of a new book on Hazel McCallion, the development of the downtown core, Hurricane Hazel, and the 30th anniversary of the Mississauga Train Derailment. In total, 300 people attended this series of six lectures.

Ongoing efforts to achieve seamless access to local heritage resources meant that 898 images were added to the History Image Gallery on the website, an additional 138 images were revised, and 1,215 citations of the Mississauga News contributed to Peel Information Network (pinet.on.ca). In addition, the video "Our Saga" was digitized

and will soon be on the website, and three pre-1922 Canadiana resources were digitized in partnership with the Internet Archive. The popular genealogy database ancestry.ca is now available at all branch library locations free of charge in partnership with Knowledge Ontario.

Staff hosted two film festivals: *Shades of Noir* (10 films with a total of 157 attendees) and *Beyond Hollywood* (10 films with a total of 177 attendees). Five other programs on China, photography, Black History, two book launches and a Teen Poetry Slam for a total of 300 attendees were presented. Staff did eight genealogy training sessions for staff and customers. Two new partnerships were forged in 2009: the Newcomer Centre of Peel which saw several reciprocal visits and the Culture Division of the City of Mississauga for work on the Cultural Mapping Project.

# CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT DARIA SHARANAWYCH, MANAGER

This year children across the system enjoyed the annual TD summer reading club. The Agent 009 theme captured the imagination of thousands of children as they used their detective smarts, collected clues and tried to figure out whodunnit! They practiced super sleuth skills by

Attendance at Story times: 34,918

breaking codes, deciphering puzzles and overcoming brain-teasing obstacles while attending programs system wide and while reading their way through the long summer months.

This year, in addition to receiving a poster, a log to track reading progress and some stickers, the game had an additional enhancement - it could be played online. Children's Services, thanks to generous support from the Friends of the Library, purchased a Summer Reader software program from Evanced Solutions which was seamlessly melded into our web interface. Children signed up to the club from the Library's webpage, recording their books, and writing reviews and ratings of books for others to view.

Throughout the summer almost 3,000 children signed up online to participate in the program, 15,776 books were

# AVERAGE DAILY VISITS Were UP 12,684 VISITS WERE MADE TO YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY EACH AND EVERY DAY!

Number of Library Customers:

read and 2,111 reviews were posted. And most important of all, the Library was able to encourage and engage children in a meaningful way through the electronic medium they love to use and are so comfortable with, while reading and writing skills were maintained and developed! The Summer Reader Program has many other applications and will be used with the Grade 4 Read to Succeed Program and hopefully with TAG groups, branch book clubs or staff sharing of reading for improved readers' advisory.

The Children's Department was front and center in hosting the Kid Zone at the Mississauga Literary Festival under the enthusiastic leadership of Senior Librarian, Tamara Stojakovic. Hundreds of children made it their destination of choice enjoying games, crafts, imaginary play and listening to the engaging storytelling of children's author, Rukhsana Khan. The highlight of the afternoon was the fascinating presentation by award winning author, Kenneth Oppel who described the research involved in creating his extremely popular Airborn trilogy.

Staff continued to take a leadership role in offering talks in the community about the Every Child Ready to

# CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT JOHN MOORE, MANAGER

The Kill-a-Watt electricity monitoring meter lending program continued very strong. Since 2006 the meters have been borrowed in excess of 7,000 times. Each loan is accompanied by two compact fluorescent lamps that replace two much less efficient incandescent light bulbs. Enersource is pleased that so many citizens have learned how they can take greater control of their electricity costs.

The Borrow-a-Pedometer did well. In the two years they have been offered, pedometers were borrowed almost 5,000 times. Both the public and staff have been tracking their walking totals and many have reported trekking the equivalent of round trips to Europe and beyond.

More than 3,000 email messages were received from customers in 2009, ranging from questions about items on loan and the status of holds, to suggestions for improving programs and services.

..... Number of Class Visits: 443 ..... Attendance at Class Visits: 13,569

Read initiative. Manager, Daria Sharanewych offered a workshop to 40 child minding caregivers during their LINC (Language Instruction for Newcomers) Childminding P.D. Day. The organizations included the Afghan Women's Organization, Catholic Cross-Cultural Services, Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre, India Rainbow and the Vietnamese Community.

The Children's Department led work on a few system initiatives. At year-end, with sponsorship from Kumon and a renewed commitment for bussing from the Friends of the Library, the Grade 4 Read to Succeed Program had been re-energized with a newly branded booklet for Grade 4 students inviting them back to the library, a card holder suggesting that all roads lead to the library (a subtext supporting transit) and a poster for teachers to track students' repeated visits.

AVERAGE DAILY VISITS TO MISSISSAUDA CENTRAL LIBRARY WERE UP - THAT'S 2,349 VISITS MADE EVERY DAY!



#### Sciences and Business Department Pamela Frick. Manager

The Department started off the year as a brand new department, combining the former highly successful Sciences and Business Departments into a single unit. Staff members worked hard to develop and maintain a shared sense of ownership, and as we near the year end, we have all had many opportunities to demonstrate our knowledge of these combined collections and services.

Community partners included Credit Valley Hospital, Royal Canadian Institute for the Advancement of Science, The Centre for Education & Training, Newcomer Organization Network, hi Collaborative, Peel Region Science Fair, Afghan Women's Association, Peel Newcomers Learning Centre, Canadian Mental Health -Peel, Immigration Peel, Canadian Hearing Society, Service Canada Centre for Youth, Peel Multicultural Council, Newcomers to Mississauga, and the Consumer Health Information Providers Interest Group (CHIPIG). A wide variety of programs, outreach and displays were provided for the community through these partnerships. Individual programs included a celebration of Darwin Day, marking the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth and the 150th

..... Number of Teen/TAG Programs:

508

Attendance

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Teen/IAG

Programs:

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anniversary of the publication of On the Origin of Species; Clutter Busting; and several programs on health through alternative and naturopathic medicine.

The Sciences & Business Department had a high level of success with career tours, career research sessions and resume help days. With more than 80 resume and interview skills sessions, career tours and career research days, the Department assisted over 1,300 visitors to the Library. On the educational front, staff members participated with school tours within Central Library and proctored a number of exams for distance education students.

Non-fiction readers' advisory became a major focus for department members. Each staff meeting has at least one review of a book, DVD or website. Six staff members contribute to the monthly Dear Reader promotions in the Library OPAC.

# **YOU BORROWED**

From Your Library System this past year a record breaking **8.23** million items

# YOU VISITED

the mississauga central library

#### READERS' DEN DEPARTMENT DIANA KRAWCZYK. ACTING MANAGER

Readers' Den had a successful March Break with five programs and 94 participants. Teens got to create some wonderful knitting, quilting and hemp jewellery projects. In addition, information was provided about herbs and a popular movie was screened.

The Department hosted a very successful "Poetry Slam" for teens. About 150 teens, friends and family came out to the Library, from 11 local schools, and more than 20 individuals shared their poetry with the audience.

As our summer program season wound down, Readers' Den hosted a Young Writer's Workshop and an author reading with award-winning Canadian humorist, Gordon

Kirkland. Young writers were given tips on how to become successful writers and attendees to the reading were treated to an entertaining evening.

Readers' Den spearheaded the integration of the Nexus Youth Centre (formerly Square One Youth Centre) into the operations at the Central Library. Having the Youth Centre housed in the Central Library allows for an important partnership for the Library to better serve youth in our community.

Four major Canadian authors were hosted at the Mississauga Literary Festival. Linwood Barclay, Liz Primeau, Robert Sawyer and Joy Fielding treated fans to readings and anecdotes. The authors were on hand to sign books and participants were thrilled to meet their favourite authors.

Readers' Den continued delivering English as a Second Language tours in 2009. Newcomers were shown around the facility, shown how to get a library card and encouraged to take advantage of the collections and services that the library offers.

Readers' Den hosted the "Red Hat Society" for a tour of the Central Library. A dozen ladies, dressed in red and purple, were impressed with the resources and services that the library offers all citizens, including seniors.

Number of Outreach Programs: 513...

### Area TWO Successes



TODD KYLE ACTING AREA MANAGER

# CHURCHILL MEADOWS BRANCH LIBRARY MARIA POLITANO, ACTING MANAGER

2009 was a year of expanding service and involvement in the community for Churchill Meadows Branch Library. Circulation now averages 41,000 per month, a 6% increase over 2008, and July 2009 saw the highest monthly circulation so far at 52,000 items.

Partnerships continued with the LION (Learning in Our Neighbourhood), with the Library visiting the early learning mobile centre monthly; with the Peel Multicultural Council and with the Polycultural Immigrant and Community Services, to provide settlement services and job search workshops; and with The Centre for Education and Training, who brought their Career Coach to the Library.

Programming was very successful. The adult book club continued to grow, as did the 7-11 after-school drop in. A number of special events were held over the fall including Halloween programs, a successful reading with children's author Mahtab Narsimhan, and a teen program surrounding the release of the film *New Moon.* Yearly program attendance was over 4,500.

# COURTNEYPARK BRANCH LIBRARY MARILYN BRAATEN, MANAGER

The Branch continued to establish itself as a hub in the Courtneypark community. Circulation statistics were up 6.5% and the number of people entering the library is up 13%. All registered summer programs were sold out and fall story times were fully registered.

Staff connected with parents and children at Open House nights at St. Julia, Sherwood Mills and Britannia elementary schools and conducted class visits for Britannia, St. Gregory and St. Raymond elementary schools. The needs

of teens were met through a variety of programs such as a Toastmasters Youth Leadership workshop, an Anime and Manga Club, a Teen Book Club and a New Moon Party.

The Library's partnership with the Canadian Federation of Poets (Peel Region) continued and new partnerships were established with the Learning in Our Neighbourhood (L.I.O.N.) mobile unit and the Newcomer Centre of Peel. The Library joined the NCP MSEP Settlement Workers in co-sponsoring an Information and Networking Event for international professionals and trades people and promoted the Library's job search resources in both print and electronic formats.

# Lakeview Branch Library Ruth Denyer, Manager

The Lakeview Branch Library continued to forge strong ties with the community thanks to the focused and dedicated efforts of staff to provide excellent programs and services. Summer and fall programs consistently sold out, and the new evening drop-in family story time was a great success. The biggest successes were special event programs - the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, the Turkey Hunt in Serson Park and the Halloween Spook-tacular interactive reading session. In December, a Customer Appreciation Days event featured a booksale extravaganza and free hot chocolate each Saturday, and a special Christmas play featuring some of the Lakeview TAG members. Circulation was up almost 9 percent over last year.

# LORNE PARK BRANCH LIBRARY DIANE KENDALL, MANAGER

The Branch hosted several events that expanded its programming reach to the community. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Celebrate the Joy of Reading event, part of a Customer Appreciation Day, included book talks, displays, and local author readings. A holiday program of Stories for Adults, featuring staff as well as a local actress, showed that adults like being read to as much as children do. Readings by children's author Anita Reynolds MacArthur, illustrator Karen Roy, and young adult author Allan Stratton (whose book *Chanda's Secrets* is being made into a film), were well attended and informative. Workshops on handwriting analysis and on Kindermusic were very successful.

Finally, the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) continued its successful Homework Café, regular afternoon study sessions for teens in a relaxed, congenial atmosphere.

School visits were also successful, including a one-day "blitz" where staff visited all of the public schools in the area to promote library services. The Branch participated in the Fall Harvest Festival at the Bradley House Museum.

# MALTON BRANCH LIBRARY INGRID MASTERSON, MANAGER

Programming for the community was extensive at Malton Branch Library. The Ready, Set, Read! Program, in partnership with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, was held for six weeks during the summer, and continues to be successful with an average attendance of 15 children. A popular story circle was provided by library staff for 6 weeks at the Lancaster HUB summer programs. The Branch participated in the annual Malton Community Festival events and activities. Roving storytime sessions were offered along with an ongoing craft table for children, and the Senior Librarian coordinated the very successful Understanding the Early Years parenting event at the Festival. An open house for Asian seniors was held in July and 42 participants attended the session. A well attended Customer Appreciation Day was held in October, featuring giveaways, refreshments, and face painting courtesy of the branch's Teen Advisory Group (TAG).

Usage statistics increased over last year during the annual Count Week in November, and circulation increased by 6.42% year over year. At the end of the year, outgoing branch manager Ingrid Masterson was celebrated in a well-attended retirement party where she was lauded for her efforts in the Malton community and thanked for her 33 years of service to the Mississauga Library System.



# FRANK MCKECHNIE BRANCH LIBRARY LAURA HIGGINSON, MANAGER

The Frank McKechnie Branch Library was closed for renovations during August. It reopened September 1 with a lovely new carpet throughout the library and cushioned flooring behind the circulation desk, a new coat of paint throughout and new flat screens for all of the public computers. These improvements were quickly followed by a children's computer workstation and chairs, new computer chairs for the public terminals, ergonomic chairs for the staff and shelving for the storage room. During the closure staff had the opportunity to work at other locations which proved a good experience for both the staff and the receiving location. Many staff returned to the Branch with new ideas but also with a renewed appreciation of their home branch.

In November, the Region of Peel and Peel Health converted part of the Frank McKechnie Community Centre and Library into a Flu Assessment Clinic. During this period the Library and pool remained open, but all other recreational programs and rentals were cancelled. The public continued to use the Library and usage dropped only slightly. A Homework Help Program began in October and became very popular. High school volunteers provided a drop in service for Grades 1 to 6. The Reading Buddies Program continued to be in high demand.

Finally, the Branch began its Food for Books campaign in October and to date has taken three full boxes of food to St. Mary's Food Bank.

# PORT CREDIT BRANCH LIBRARY RUTH DENYER, MANAGER

In addition to the excitement of planning for the 2010 renovation of the Branch, Port Credit Branch Library undertook to provide a series of adult programs for the fall season. "Will It Fly? The Idea Tester" was presented by Carla Langhorst, who helped budding entrepreneurs assess their ideas for new businesses. Matthew Wilkinson from Heritage Mississauga spoke of "Haunted Mississauga" - a slide show and lecture on the scariest places in Mississauga. Yvonne Tremblay, author of Thyme in the Kitchen: Cooking with Fresh Herbs, presented a cooking program to an enthusiastic group of aspiring chefs. And to top off the series, Nisar Beg, renowned world traveler and lecturer, took participants on an inspiring and thought-provoking visit to China in "The Changing Face of China: A Layman's View". All programs were well-attended and well-received by the public.

#### South Common Branch Library Amy Colson, Manager

Efforts continued at South Common Branch Library to provide services to help the community. A small-group Basic Internet Training for Seniors Program started this fall, and was so successful that there is now a waiting list for future

sessions. The students of St Clare School, whose library was closed due to asbestos contamination, were invited to use the branch on an ongoing basis, and students as well as their parents have been very pleased. A Customer Appreciation Day event was held in September, featuring refreshments, a Wii Station, and giveaways. Many favourable comments were received from customers as a result. Finally, the Branch began a Teen Advisory Group (TAG) who are planning several events for the coming year.

### Area THREE Successes



SUE COLES Area Manager

# BURNHAMTHORPE BRANCH LIBRARY DAVID PENTELIUK, MANAGER

The Burnhamthorpe Branch had a record setting year in regards to its circulation numbers. Circulation was up more than 6%, meaning more than 32 000 additional items were checked out in 2009 in comparison to 2008. This brought the grand total of items checked out to well over 600 000 items. A large reason for this dramatic increase was a renewed focus on programming for teens and older adults. Numerous events such as a gaming tournament and a Manga Fair as well as workshops on genealogy and identity theft brought in new customers. In addition, staff did incredible outreach work that focused on new Canadians. Many new partnerships were formed with agencies such as the Peel Career Assessment Services, Cross Cultural Community Services Association, Audmax, and the Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre Settlement Section. As a result of these efforts, the Burnhamthorpe Branch was promoted and endorsed like never before.

# CLARKSON BRANCH LIBRARY Mai San Pedro, Senior Librarian

Clarkson Branch Library embraced the "Library as Place" principles in 2009. Staff identified several opportunities to improve the customer experience. The children's area was expanded to allow more families to read together, a teen space was created to give teens a place of their own in the Library, and lounge furniture was distributed throughout the Library so that customers can sit comfortably anywhere in

the Library. The "Holds Shelf" area was re-located to an area with taller shelving to minimize the number of customers bending down to reach their "holds." The computer area was freshened up with new computer chairs, flat panel monitors and a new TV/DVD player. New CD shelving was installed to allow customers to browse the music collection more easily and colourful signs were created to direct customers to feature displays and smaller collections.

# COOKSVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY PENNY CARR, MANAGER

2009 was the year of the expansion for the Cooksville Branch Library. With just over 1,000 square feet added, the Library acquired a much needed, dedicated programming room, an expanded quiet reading lounge area, individual study areas, an expanded children's area and a reconfigured circulation/reference desk to provide additional space to support increased circulation.

A fifth anniversary celebration took place in the fall to celebrate the enhancements and to thank customers for their continued support over the past five years. Over 10 local businesses sponsored the event with refreshments, crafts and prizes. Cooksville Branch Library reached out into the community, welcoming their first Grade 4 class visit; providing monthly story times to the Floradale Readiness Centre; partnering with the Region of Peel's Literacy Specialist to hold monthly sessions at the Library; and introducing "Books to Go" to its customers.

# ERIN MEADOWS BRANCH LIBRARY KATHLEEN SMYTH, MANAGER

Successes at the Erin Meadows Branch in 2009 included two author visits, over 3,500 people attended programs and a resume workshop for newcomers in Canada. Of particular note was the art contest held for youth ages six to 19. Co-sponsored by the Mississauga Library System, the Friends of the Library and The Framing Edge, the contest challenged youth to capture the essence of a library building or the spirit of libraries. Entries were judged by age categories with twelve winners receiving cash prizes sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The winning entries have been professionally framed by The Framing Edge. Over 100 entries were received and the Mississauga Library System now owns twelve unique works of art depicting libraries.

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# MEADOWVALE BRANCH LIBRARY KATHY OAKLEAF, MANAGER

2009 began with a very well attended celebration of 25 years of library service in the Meadowvale area, including visits by the Mayor, Councillor, Library Board members, and a local author, plus activities, refreshments and fun for all. The Branch continued to enjoy increased usage in 2009, being the second busiest branch in the System. Youth were made a priority as the Teen Advisory Group was launched. The Group made valuable contributions throughout the year. School contacts were also a priority including class visits, open houses, and author visits. Newcomers were well served with a dedicated Newcomers' Corner, manned displays by partner settlement offices, library orientations and visits to settlement classes. A new Urdu story time was very well received.

Timely and attractive merchandising continued to attract interest and promote the collection, while story times and the summer reading club were again outstanding successes. Meadowvale Branch Library continued to have an active volunteer program which not only helps the Branch, but fills a need and forges strong bonds with the community.

#### Mississauga Valley Branch Library Ann Jacob, Manager

Mississauga Valley Branch Library achieved a 10% increase in circulation in 2009 as staff continued with proactive efforts to respond to customer needs. Collections were rearranged and displays repositioned to better highlight good reads for children, youth and adults. Schedules were adjusted and an extra story time added at the last minute to eliminate a waiting list and Saturday specials were offered for busy families. Cooperative events with the schools continued with Turn off the Screens, The Guinness World Book Challenge, Parents in Education (Thornwood School) and Parenting and Family Literacy Centre (Canadian Martyrs School). Partnerships with Peel Early Years, Central Parkway LINC, Peel Police and settlement workers enriched the Library experience for children and newcomers.

Throughout the year staff went out of their way to interact with students during lunchtimes and after school and to provide volunteer opportunities. Innovation included a new approach to the summer reading club offering simultaneous programs for two age groups, sharing puppet shows with another Library, and a silent auction for book sale.

# SHERIDAN BRANCH LIBRARY AMANDA FRENCH, SENIOR LIBRARIAN

Sheridan Branch had an eventful year in 2009 as the transition to an alternative community branch began. The Sheridan community expressed its support at an April public

meeting, and staff continued to pursue the new model for library service. Community outreach and partnerships continued to be the focus: regular deposits at the LION (Learning in Our Neighbourhood) van, various daycares, support for book clubs, LINC students, Polycultural Immigrant and Community Services, and the HUB at Oakridge. Staff members are on the Parents' Council of the Oakridge School which meets at the Library to encourage parent participation. All schools were contacted for visits and staff participated in Turn off The Screens Week.

Author visits were hosted and successful March Break and Summer Reading programs were held. Books to Go bags were launched successfully, promoting Every Child Ready to Read. In the fall the Branch launched its Teen Advisory Group. By year end over 700 volunteer hours will had been contributed at the Branch. The Sheridan Branch Library remains a busy people-centred place, where the Internet is regularly fully booked all day and all available public reading spaces are taken.

# STREETSVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY SANDY LAIRD, SENIOR LIBRARIAN

Streetsville Branch Library's family, preschool, baby and toddler story times were well-attended and very popular. Staff joined the Forest of Reading, Blue Spruce Program, highlighting Canadian authors and illustrators for children aged 4 to 7 years. The Program was promoted during story times and with book displays.

Two other areas of focus were the teen group from Streetsville High School which produced a children's mural in the Tolton Room and displayed art work in the Library lounge. Another area where teens played an integral role was the Reading Buddies Program in which secondary school students were paired with elementary students from primary grades.

#### WOODLANDS BRANCH LIBRARY Jo-Anne Storen, Manager

Celebrating the community was the focus at the Woodlands Branch Library in 2009. Community outreach included programs for Palestine House LINC students, local Cubs and older adults. The Branch also partnered with Intercultural Neighbourhood Social Services, co-sponsoring their program. Story time programs included very successful Family, Mandarin and Russian story times. The Branch sponsored a companion program offered by the Dufferin–Peel School Board – Ready, Set, Read.

Continuing the theme of family literacy, Books to Go bags were provided to assist busy families with their book choices. All Kindergarten classes were given at least one program. Several classes of Special Needs students visited the Library for regular programs. Youth got involved in developing the sense of community with the Teen Advisory Group organizing tutoring for the spring. Regular volunteers were trained to be Reading Buddies for the summer and fall.



# Finds New Home at the Mississauga Central Library

The Mississauga Central Library, 301 Burnhamthorpe Rd W. is the new home of the Nexus Youth Centre, formerly located at Square One Shopping Centre. This partnership meets the needs of Mississauga youth by offering low cost and no charge drop-in programming in a priority neighborhood and maximizing communication with youth regarding the opportunities available to them. Many of those opportunities include services, materials and support readily accessible at the Library.

The Youth Centre celebrated its grand re-opening at the Library in January 2010 and many youth were on hand to attest to the important role this Centre has played in their lives. On average, 2,500 youth are served by staff at the Centre, either on-site or through outreach initiatives in the local community. In addition to drop in activities, the Youth Centre provides counselling services and formal programs aimed at developing life skills and healthy relationships. Youth are invited to visit the Centre from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Fridays and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

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Teen Advisory Groups (TAGs) give teens a chance to help Library staff create exciting and interesting programs and activities for other teens. These are young people volunteering their time to make a great Library even better! Thank you TAGs' volunteers. **Reading Buddies** is a Library reading enrichment program that encourages the love of reading and helps teens earn community service hours. It partners a high school student with a child 6Y – 8Y who meet weekly in the Library to read. These are young people volunteering their time to make a great Library even better! Thank you Reading Buddies volunteers.

# Take a bow everyone

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# Message from Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library group continued their great work this year giving back \$87,000 in support of library programs and services. Over their 20+ years, the Friends have donated over 2 million dollars in money and in kind in support of the Mississauga Library System. The Friends of the Library have left a legacy of support for today and tomorrow and the Library and city, staff and residents have felt their impact of support:

**THAT IMPAGT**: Created broad benefits for the Library and City

**THAT IMPAGT**: Supported civic literacy

THAT IMPACT: Built bridges into the community **THAT IMPAGT**: Sharpened the community focus

THAT IMPACT: Created our culture, a made in Mississauga culture

**THAT IMPAGT**: Developed the Library and the community

**THAT IMPAGT**: Generated revenue

THAT IMPAGT: Supported Library capital projects

**THAT IMPAGT**: Creates partnerships for life

Here's to the Friends of the Mississauga Library System! The extensive work of the group is often done quietly and with little fanfare, they use their skills and expertise to remind everyone

of the importance of strong public libraries to the health and wealth of the community... and their pledge - to continue to invest time and a commitment to literacy, libraries and library staff OF THE MISSISSAUGA to help make the Mississauga Library System the best in the country and Mississauga, the best city in which to live, work, play, READ and LEARN.



## Friends of the Library

The Library wishes to thank all of its Friends for helping make a great Library even better over the past year from donating \$85,000 cash for Library programs and services to running used book sales to supporting literacy groups here and abroad to supporting annually this City's premier literary event, The Mississauga Literary Festival

## – please take a bow -

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> EVERYBODY NEEDS MORE FRIENDS - If you are a Friends' member, renew today. Not a member of Friends of the Library yet? Join today! Membership forms are available at all branch locations and online at www. mississauga.ca/library. Support them so that they can continue to support your Library!



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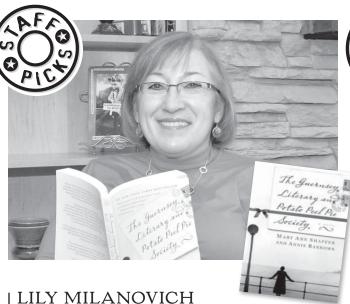
Each year, the Library and community benefits from the assistance of individuals, businesses and groups in our community - from sponsorship funds in support of the Library's large print book collection and health sciences collection to the donation of e readers and DVDs to pizzas for children's programs, prizes for reading clubs to buying ad space in support of the Library's value added newsletters and brochures, corporate champions joining the Library Family this past year were .....

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### The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

by Mary Ann Shaffer + Annie Barrows

Over the Christmas holidays, I was looking for some light, entertaining reading when I came across this odd title The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. I had to find out what potato peel pie was and how it related to a literary society.

This delightful and poignant novel has its humorous moments, but the brutality of German Occupation of the island of Guernsey (Channel Islands) during World War 2 is always looming in the background. The story is told through a series of letters to and from Juliet Ashton, a columnist for a London newspaper. This novel is also peppered with correspondence from her publisher and friends discussing her life and her next book.

Shortly, after the war ends, Juliet is looking for something new to write about. An unlikely idea comes from a Guernsey farmer who contacts Juliet about locating more books on Charles Lamb. Through these letters, we are introduced to wonderful, quirky characters from Guernsey; they share their war experiences and their unique take on literature with Juliet. These characters become close friends with whom we laugh and cry!

This wonderful story brings to life the people of Guernsey and their strong spirit of survival and compassion during and after World War 2. If you are a book lover, don't miss reading this gem.





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#### The School of Essential Ingredients

by Erica Bauermeister

When the Library started its Book News feature, which includes Dear Reader newsletters, I signed up to receive the monthly e-mails for new fiction. Although keeping up to date with new fiction is a part of my job, I have always loved reading and I am always excited to find out about new books and authors just for my own reading tastes. Of course there are always lots and lots of new books and not nearly enough time, so learning about the books I think I might enjoy the most by reading the newsletter's paragraph describing the book, is very useful. The School of Essential Ingredients came to the Library in January, but I had not noticed it until I read the newsletter in April. I love food and cooking and read a lot of cooking mysteries and novels with recipes. This book about a cooking class and the lives of its instructor and eight students sounded like something I would enjoy.

I really did enjoy it. In fact, I would classify it as my favourite book in 2009. Although it's a cliché, I didn't want to put the book down when I started reading it. The characters were interesting and varied. They ranged from a new mother, a senior developing Alzheimer's, a lonely immigrant, a bereaved husband, to novice and expert cooks. I wanted to learn about them and how the cooking classes changed them. How their relationships faltered, healed, were remembered, and were creating new ones. Maybe the events weren't totally "realistic," but I enjoy the truths of how we should be better than unhappiness so evident in reading newspapers. There were absolutely wonderful mouth watering descriptions of food and some beautiful drawings at the start of each chapter. I hope I don't spoil things by saying that the essential ingredients are not a list of food, but more the tools or skills people need in approaching cooking (and life). Like a good meal with a glass of wine, this book left me satisfied with a happy glow. LINK



## **Beyond Hollywood**

The **Beyond Hollywood** film series is back! Join us this spring for a dozen international films shown on a cinemasized screen. All movies are rated PG and have English subtitles.

#### Mississauga Central Library

Noel Ryan Auditorium 301 Burnhamthorpe Rd W. Wednesdays, April 7 – June 23, 2010 7p.m. – 9 p.m.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome. To find out what's playing, contact 905-615-3200 x 3660.



# **Job Search Workshop for Newcomers to Canada**

This free workshop, presented in partnership with the Peel Multicultural Council, covers the topics of resume writing, cover letters, interview preparation, the hidden job market, and networking. It also includes free access to online courses and a preliminary evaluation of foreign credentials.

#### Churchill Meadows Branch Library

905-615-4735

Monday, April 12 - Friday, April 16, 2010 (no program on Thursday April 15)

12 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### Meadowvale Branch Library

905-615-4715

Tuesday, May 25 – Friday, May 28, 2010 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

#### South Common Branch Library

905-615-4770

Monday, June 14

- Thursday, June 17, 2010

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Admission is free.

To register, please call the branch hosting the program. Peel Multicultural Council

will also be offering settlement services for newcomers to Canada at various times in the Churchill Meadows, Erin Meadows, Meadowvale, and South Common Branch Libraries. For dates and times, please check out the Library's website at mississauga.ca/library under Citizenship and Multiculturalism.



# Glimpses of the Setting Sun – a multilingual poetry celebration and book launch

Coming to Canada from her native India, artist and poet Meena Chopra's search for meaning has taken her far beyond home and finding her new identity in Canada. Join us for a special afternoon of poetry reading with art exhibition featuring An Adieu to the Dawn (subah kaa suuraj ab mear nahii.n hai) with readings in both Hindi and English, a work also transcribed into Urdu script by poet Nasim Syed and transcribed into Roman script by poet Suman Ghai. Meena also launches her second edition of Ignited Lines (Poems in English).

#### Meadowvale Branch Library

6677 Meadowvale Town Centre Circle Saturday, April 10, 2010

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Admission is free.

The Artwall at Meadowvale Branch will feature an exhibition of Meena Chopra's work for the month of April. For more information, please visit www.mississauga.ca.





Come and meet Mississauga's local authors! In celebration of Canada Book Day on Friday April 23 and the following weekend, local authors will be available in the Atrium at the Mississauga Central Library to talk about books, writing, publishing, and to sell books.

Local authors are invited to discuss the rewards and challenges of the writing and publishing life at the annual authors' only networking event hosted by well-known historian and author Alan Skeoch.

#### Mississauga Central Library

Meeting Room CL3 (Administration Wing)

301 Burnhamthorpe Rd W.

Friday, April 23, 2010 • 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Local authors, to book a table and/or register, please contact Karen Black at 905-615-3200 ext 3590. This event is sponsored by the Mississauga Library System and the Friends of the Mississauga Library System.



### **Changing Cultures**

2010 Heritage Four Speaker Series
 From Ireland to Canada:
 Early Settlement in Peel County

**Aidan Manning**, author of *Between the Runways: A History of Irish-Catholic Settlement in Southern Peel County and Etobicoke*, relates the stories he discovered from poignant tombstone inscriptions, intriguing obituaries, sundry newspaper reports and inventive land petitions of early Catholic settlers in the region.

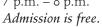
Manning has written three Irish history books from which he draws examples to explain why these early immigrants abandoned their ancestral homes in favour of the unknown in Canada. He traces their journeys from Ireland, their acquisition of land, what awaited them on arrival, their methods of house construction and farming, and how they catered to their spiritual needs. From this last category rose Elmbank, the graveyard that ended up between the runways at Pearson International Airport.

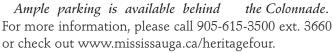
Aidan Manning was born in County Donegal, Ireland and has taught in Liverpool, Manchester, Toronto and Mississauga. He is the author of *Glencolumbkille*, 3000 BC – 1885 AD; Donegal Poitin – A History; and Glencolumbkille, 3000 BC – 1901 AD. A graduate of the University of Toronto and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, he now lives in Toronto with his wife, Christine.

#### Cooksville Branch Library

3024 Hurontario Street, Suite 212

(2nd floor in the Cooksville Colonnade)
Tuesday, April 13, 2010
7 p.m. – 8 p.m.





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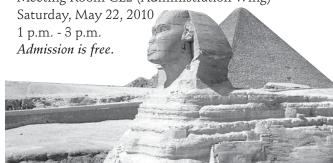
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#### Mississauga Central Library

301 Burnhamthorpe Rd W Meeting Room CL2 (Administration Wing)



# Frank McKechnie Community Centre and Library celebrates 10 years of service to its community!

On October 28, 1998, the groundbreaking ceremony was held for a new community centre and library in Ward 5 in the middle of that growing community. It was to be named for the late Frank McKechnie, former councillor for Ward 5, and one of Canada's longest-serving municipal politicians, serving as elected official for 39 years. Frank McKechnie died in 1996.

Over 5,000 people attended the facility's grand opening on June 24, 2000, including Mayor Hazel McCallion, Councillors Cliff Gyles (Ward 5) and Frank Dale (Ward 4), as well as Frank McKechnie's wife, Annette and his son, Colin.

The Frank McKechnie Branch Library has become one of the Library's busiest branches. Last year the Branch loaned over 600,000 items and had over 250,000 visitors. Come out to the Library in June 2010 and celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with us! For more details call the Frank McKechnie Branch Library at 905-615-4660.



Come out and perform! Come out and support your friends!

#### Mississauga Central Library

Noel Ryan Auditorium
301 Burnhamthorpe Road West
Friday, April 23, 2010
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Admission is free.

Participants Ages: 13 years to 19 years.
Family and friends audience are welcome.
Free signup to participate at:
poetry.slam@mississauga.ca.

- 1. **Each poem must be maximum 3 minutes.** There's a 10-second grace period, after which the poet will suffer a .5 point penalty for every 10 seconds over 3:10. There is no minimum time.
- 2. **No props, costumes, or musical instruments.** Otherwise you lose a point. Overtly dramatic use of clothing included.
- 3. **Reading from the page is allowed.** So is memorizing.
- 4. **No covers allowed.** Each poem must be of the poet's own creation.
- 5. **Respect for others.** No swearing, no disrespectful, no derogatory language.
- 6. Judging regime for the competition to be announced.

All styles are welcome and encouraged: a cappella, hiphop, theatrical monologues, literary poetry, sound poetry, dub poetry, rants, haikus, power raps, etc. Whatever you like! Remember you'll be judged on delivery as well as content. This is not your ordinary literary reading. Slams are all about energy and the rapport between poet and listener! Audience participation encouraged. The Slam is co-hosted by the Mississauga Central Library and its Teen Advisory Group.

# Drop-in Homework Help/ Reading Buddy program

Need help with your homework? Want someone to practice reading with? Come and meet one of our volunteers who will provide help on a first come, first served basis.

Reading Buddies is for children in Grades 1 - 6.

### Frank McKechnie Branch Library

905-615-4660

Monday – Friday, April 5 to June 4, 2010 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

There is a time limit of 30 minutes per child for Reading Buddies, and 60 minutes per

for Homework Help. Parents are asked to stay in the Library while their child is in the

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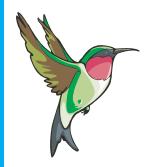








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