

A LIBRARY FOR EVERYONE . . . CHECK IT OUT!

It's a New Year – Resolve to Get a Free Library Card Today because

10 You can use the Internet, WiFi, electronic databases and word processing terminals; download books and attend Internet and e-mail instruction courses for free.

9 You can use the career resources to find a job, start a business or begin a new rewarding career.

8 You can reduce your stress through books, DVDs and magazines encouraging you to eat healthy, stop smoking and exercise effectively.

7 You can plan your next vacation, wherever it may take you, near or far. Travel books and DVDs will pique your interest.

6 You can give your kids a head-start by registering for one of the Library's many programs: story times, reading clubs, festivals and author visits.

5 You can join the Friends of the Library and browse the many great deals in the Friends of the Library book sales and know that you are supporting literacy in this community.

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A Mississauga Heritage Moment - Mississauga Central Library 1991-2011

2 011 marks the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the Central Library in the City Centre Core. Today it is the flagship branch of the Mississauga Library System and continues to be one of the busiest central libraries in Canada. But did you know that ...

The Mississauga Central Library (at its current location) opened its doors to the public on September 23, 1991 marking the last chapter in the long history of a central library within the city. It started as the main branch of the Toronto Township Public Library set up in 1957 in a small commercial building on Dundas Street. By 1960, it was moved across Dundas Street to larger quarters in the basement of the Methodist Church. In 1963, the Library moved to a new 10,000 square foot building to the west of the then Municipal Offices at Confederation Square. Toronto Township became the Town of Mississauga on January 1, 1964 and the library was renamed the Mississauga Public Library. In 1972, the Central Library was expanded and made accessible by the addition of a new entrance, upper level and elevator. Mississaugans love their libraries and the building outgrew customer demand. Construction of the new Central Library began to the south of the Mississauga Civic Centre in 1988. The old Central Library on Dundas was closed on June 29, 1991 and the collections and staff moved to the new Library at 301 Burnhamthorpe Road West.

Welcome to the new format newsletter The Library News produced bi-monthly as a guide to the programs and services of the Mississauga Library System. For more stories and information, visit the Library's web site at www.mississauga.ca/library.



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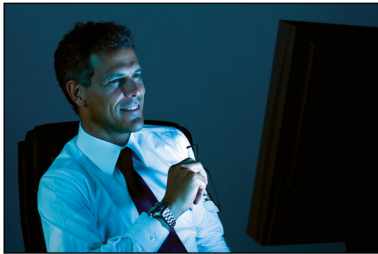
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MAKE THE SWITCH!



Email Notification Services

Use the Library's email notification services to keep informed about your available holds, your overdue material and the programs and services at the Library via its electronic newsletter. Ask staff today to set up your email notification account.



Electronic Databases

It's the middle of the night. You're working on a paper. Did you know that your free valid library card gives you access to the Library's databases all night long. Check it out at www.mississauga.ca/library. Visit the electronic database page and browse a selection of online, digital, full text encyclopaedia, books, periodical and journal articles, book reviews, magazine articles, news resources and newspapers. They're better than Google ...and you can cite them.

Downloadable e-books and audio books

It's the middle of the night. You can't sleep and there are no books on your bedside table to read. Did you know that your free valid library card gives you access to the Library's Virtual Branch all night long. Check it out at www.mississauga.ca/library - visit the OverDrive downloadable books page and browse the selection and start e reading!

Mississauga Public Library Board

The Library Board received a presentation on the redevelopment of the Civic Square. It was pointed out that there will be several new performance areas in the "outdoor community centre" suitable for Library programming. The plan is to officially open the square in April 2011.

The Library received a donation of DVDs from the Museums of Mississauga focusing on the Benares Museum. The Friends of the Museums of Mississauga had guided the DVD project which contains a wealth of local history information. The DVDs will be placed in all 18 libraries.

The revised fees and fines for the Library were approved by the Board. These included a reduction of maximums and the elimination of the non-resident fee as well as some minor adjustments involving the HST. The new fees and fines will come into effect on January 3, 2011.

Library services from A to Z

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THE LIBRARY—CHECK IT OUT!

- A**dult literacy materials
- B**usiness directories
- C**omputers for public use
- D**iscussion groups about books and writing
- E** books, e audio books and electronic databases
- F**inancial resources and seminars
- G**enealogical materials
- H**omebound delivery of library materials
- I**nformation services – ASK ME
- J**ames Bond books and DVDs
- K**itchen remodelling plans
- L**ifelong learning opportunities
- M**eeting rooms for group use
- N**ewspapers
- O**n-line resources and self serve functions
- P**rograms for everyone
- Q**uiet study rooms, display cases and art walls
- R**eadng programs and special events
- S**ales of used books and media by Friends of the Library
- T**een advisory groups and activity clubs
- U**se the Library's on-line catalogue 24/7
- V**olunteer opportunities
- W**ireless Internet access
- X**box books and games
- Y**oung children's activities
- "Z**oom zoom"

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Family Literacy Day is Thursday, January 27, 2011

The ABCs of Family Literacy – Some Tips

Ask your child questions about the story you're reading

Book family time to read with your children every day

Create a special reading place in your home with your children's favourite books

Donate funds to a literacy charity - why not your local library – for information visit www.mississauga.ca/library.

Encourage your children to

To find out what you should encourage your child to do and for the complete list of Family Literacy Tips from A to Z, check it out at www.abc-canada.org today!

And remember that families that read, have kids that succeed. You are your child's most important teacher. Enjoy stories and music. Meet other parents and caregivers. Talk to library staff about books and reading. Pick books together. Choose a story time that works for you. For information about winter story time sessions, check it out at www.mississauga.ca/library

FREEDOM TO READ



Freedom to Read Week is February 20-26, 2011.

This annual event encourages Canadians to think about and recommit to intellectual freedom in this country, guaranteed under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It is organized by the Freedom of Expression Committee of the Book and Periodical Council.

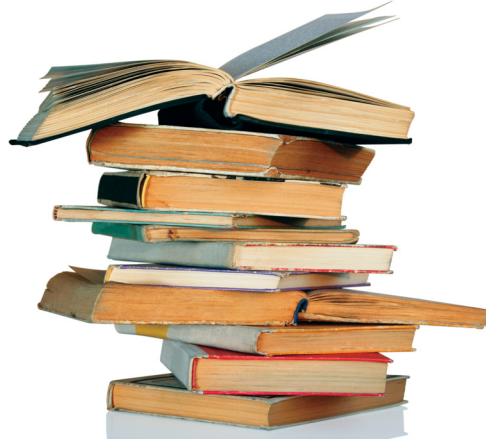
For events, lists of banned books and other information visit www.freedomtoread.ca.

Photos of Central Library renovations, Fall 2010.





USED BOOK SALE - SPECIALS



MISSISSAUGA CENTRAL LIBRARY
Friends Book Sale Area, Ground Floor ,
301 Burnhamthorpe Road West

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY BOOKS – Saturday, January 22, 2011

CHINESE BOOKS AND COOKBOOKS – Saturday, January 29, 2011

For more information, call 905-615-3200 x 3604.

Buying a book at the used book sales today helps make a great Library even better !

Read an E Book Week is March 6 – 12, 2011

For information, visit www.ebookweek.com. Downloadable e books and audio books are now available to borrow with your valid Mississauga library card at www.mississauga.ca/library.



Everybody Needs a Friend

The Friends of the Library is a volunteer, non profit citizens' group established in 1989. Its main purpose is to promote literacy and extend the programs and services of the library system within our community. Since its beginning, the group has donated over \$2 million in funds and volunteer hours in support of the Mississauga Library System.

The Friends raise money through their ongoing used book sales; membership fees; and financial donations from individuals and businesses. Here's how you can help the Library.....

GIVE THE GIFT OF READING – support the Library's adopt-a-book program

PUT YOUR CHANGE IN THE COIN BOXES – a loonie can go a long way

HONOUR PEOPLE WITH BOOKS – mark milestones in your friends' and family's lives

DONATE COLLECTIONS OR RARE BOOKS – the Library accepts gifts in kind

BECOME A SPONSOR – the Library welcomes businesses to sponsor events

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY GROUP – Individual -\$10; Corporate-\$250

For more information about the Friends of the Library, check it out at www.mississauga.ca/library or contact them at 905-615-3200 x 3604. **HELP MAKE A LIBRARY EVEN BETTER** – join today!



Family Day Holiday Closures

All libraries are closed Sunday, February 20 and Monday, February 21, 2011. Locations re-open at their regular hours on Tuesday, February 22, 2011.



March Break 2011 at the Library for Children and Teens

Pick up your copy of The Library LINK for a listing of programs for children and teens at the Library during March Break or check it out at www.mississauga.ca/library.

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1 Getting a library card is absolutely free. Finding books and meeting new friends and helps you build the networks that can change your life.

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