

Message from the Board

The Kitchener Public Library Board and Staff focused their attention in 2005 principally on moving forward on the Central Library Project and on developing a three year Strategic Plan.

With the assistance of two architectural firms, a conceptual design for the 130,000 square foot facility was created. The design was then used to develop cost estimates. At the same time Staff and Board members worked with fund raising consultants to determine the climate for raising funds in support of the Project. The Central Library Project and its location will continue to be our first priority in 2006.

With the full cooperation of staff members throughout the Library, a Strategic Plan was developed. Activities identified in the planning process as priorities will be incorporated into staff work plans over the next three years. We trust that the hard work of staff and the continuing support of Kitchener City Council will lead to new and improved services for one of the most respected service organizations in the Community.

The Kitchener Public Library Foundation and its donors continue their support of Library Projects. In 2005, they raised over \$45,000 for targeted activities.

Bruce MacNeil, Chair

KPL Quick Facts

Did you know . . .

- * over 1 million customers visit KPL annually
- * ½ million virtual visits via library website
- * over 2 million items are borrowed annually
- * over 100,000 reference questions are answered annually
- * we have over 100,000 library members
- * 1,000 new library cards are issued each month
- * over 2,000 free library programs are offered annually
- * our volunteers give over 10,000 hours of their time annually



2005 Financial Statement

Revenues

City of Kitchener	
Operating	\$7,405,840
Capital	\$1,315,609
Government Grants	
Provincial	\$306,980
Federal	\$ 31,406
Fees & Charges	\$464,490
Other	
Interest	\$ 29,123
Foundation	\$ 46,318
Other donations	\$ 7,442
Total Revenues	\$9,607,208

Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	\$5,920,904
Library Materials & Processing	\$1,260,414
Capital Expenses	\$ 959,490
Building Expenses	\$ 723,659
Administration Expenses & Staff Training	\$ 212,531
Public Programs Expenses	\$ 42,559
Reserves	\$ 131,453
Total Expenses	\$9,251,010

2005 Highlights

This is a selected list of some of our achievements and successes in the past year:

- prepared new Central Library feasibility report
- our *Every Kid a Card Campaign* resulted in a doubling of new child card registrations
- introduced GO project to 7 local schools, resulting in significant increase in online product usage
- installed nearly 50 new computers throughout KPL, and redeployed 100 others
- established wireless Internet access (Wi-Fi) at the Main Library
- installed a new air conditioning unit and fire alarm system at the Main Library
- completed library's 2006-2008 *Strategic Plan*
- established reciprocal borrowing with Cambridge, Waterloo and Regional libraries
- Dorothy Shoemaker Literary Award Contest attracted over 500 participants
- KPL programs attracted some 60,000 people in 2005
- unveiled public artwork "bookends" by Nicholas Rees at Grand River Stanley Park Library
- circulation increased by 200% at Country Hills Library

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Looking Ahead

These are just a few of the initiatives KPL will be working on in the year to come:

- continue to work towards a new Central Library
- initiate a capital fundraising campaign for a new Central Library
- review the role of the community library within the KPL system
- identify future growth areas in the city
- make recommendations for future community library expansion
- evaluate services and hours at community libraries
- expand wireless access to community libraries
- develop an e-library branch
- develop an accessibility plan for the main library
- develop an annual marketing and communication plan
- develop and conduct a customer survey and needs assessment
- review system-wide staffing needs and distribution
- explore cooperative collection development ventures with other libraries

Your Library Locations

Main Library
85 Queen St. North
519-743-0271

Country Hills Library
1500 Block Line Rd.
519-743-3558

Forest Heights Library
251 Fisher-Hallman Rd.
519-743-0644

Grand River Stanley Park Library
175 Indian Rd.
519-896-1736

Pioneer Park Library
150 Pioneer Dr.
519-748-2740

