

## Message from the Board

2010 marked yet another historic milestone for Kitchener Public Library with the official groundbreaking on our new Central Library project in the fall. Hundreds of citizens, staff, local politicians and partners were on hand to share in our excitement. The groundbreaking was the culmination of nearly a decade of planning and public consultation; and the beginning of the transformation of our Main Library building on Queen Street.

When completed in early 2013, the renovated and expanded Central Library will provide much-needed space for our current collections and services, and enable us to accommodate future growth. In addition to upgrades to our technology infrastructure, improved accessibility and more parking, the new library will feature a larger computer lab and multimedia centre, an expanded and improved children's library, reading nooks with plenty of natural light, study rooms for private and student group work, and an outdoor courtyard for relaxing in the sun with a good book. In keeping with environmental concerns, our new building will also be constructed to the highest standards of energy efficiency.

In 2011, demolition and excavation work at the rear of the Central Library will be completed. Construction will then begin on the underground parking garage and library addition. This work will be followed in 2012 with a complete renovation of the original portion of the library.

2011 also promises to offer some exciting new service enhancements for library users, including accessibility enhancements to our website, free music downloads, completion of our Community Library self-checkout installations, and the adoption of social media enhancements to our online catalogue.

Exciting times are indeed on the horizon for Kitchener Public Library. I invite you to share in the excitement by becoming a Kitchener Public Library member. It's easy, it's free, and it offers nearly unlimited possibilities. Already a member? Then I invite you to help share your enthusiasm with others by encouraging friends and family to become public library users.

100,000 Kitchener citizens already have their library card . . . so what's stopping you?

*Dan Carli – Chair, Kitchener Public Library Board*



## 2010 Financial Statement

### Revenues

City of Kitchener	
Operating	\$8,673,816
Capital	\$ 534,631
Province of Ontario	\$ 286,755
Special Grants	\$ 79,412
Fines, Fees & Misc.	\$ 403,208
2009 Surplus	\$ 39
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$9,977,861</b>

### Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	\$7,181,103
Library Materials & Processing	\$1,265,687
Public Programs	\$ 27,798
Buildings & Equipment	\$ 709,045
Administrative	\$ 179,832
Capital Projects	\$ 534,631
Special Projects	\$ 79,412
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$9,977,508</b>
<b>2010 Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 353</b>

# Annual Report 2010

## 2010 Highlights

- Central Library construction contract awarded to Maystar Construction of Vaughan, Ontario.
- Ground officially broken on the Central Library project in September 2010.
- Initiated our *evolve. literally.* fundraising campaign in support of KPL and our Central Library project.
- Launched a KPL Facebook site, where information posted is viewed up to 90,000 times per month.
- Developed additional resources for Kitchener's newcomers in partnership with the KW Multicultural Centre and Citizenship and Immigration Canada.
- Became greener through increased recycling and reduced energy consumption.
- Introduced self-checkout kiosks for customers at our Community Library locations.
- Introduced digital e-Books to our collection of downloadable resources.
- KPL's Teen Services Librarian was recognized by the Ontario Library Association with a *Leadership in Youth Services* award.

## Looking Ahead

- Commence phase one of the Central Library's underground parking complex, followed by the construction of the new rear addition.
- Improve accessibility & readability of the KPL website.
- Introduce downloadable music with new *Freegal* service.
- Introduce *BookFLIX*, online interactive video books for children.
- Introduce *PressDisplay*, a digital resource for international newspapers.
- Complete Community Library self-checkout installations.
- Incorporate social media enhancements to our online catalogue, enabling users to rate and post reviews of their favourite material.
- Conduct a community needs survey to better understand and respond to our customers.

## Your 2011 Library Board

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