

Dear Friends of KPL:

On the arrival of spring and the awakening of nature we are also renewed with energy and enthusiasm. The Kitchener Public Library Foundation is no exception.

"It is our mandate to raise funds for the Kitchener Public Library and foster community goodwill."

In December 2005, through your generous donations, the Foundation was pleased to present to the Kitchener Public Library Board a cheque in the amount of \$44,074.66. This money was in support of special initiatives created by the Foundation, which are over and above the normal services provided by our Library to the citizens of Kitchener and the Region of Waterloo.

Did you know you have supported:

- Reading material for children

- First language links
- Expansion of the homework centre for students
- Upgraded technology and software equipment
- Adult multicultural books in fiction and non-fiction now offered in 29 different languages
- Literacy and ESL



To support KPL services and collections to the Foundation presented KPL with a cheque for \$44,074.66. We thank our generous donors who made this possible.

While the debate and decision continues on as to where the new Central Library should be located, the KPL Foundation, a separate entity, will continue to develop new initiatives as well as financial support for the

special programs established over the past years.

In order to do this, however, we cannot accomplish this ambitious vision without your continued support. These programs are dependent upon your generosity and the generosity of new donors. Please share this request with your family and friends and feel proud that you have been and are instrumental in the continuation of the work of this Foundation.

A quote:

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body"

Richard Steele

Yours sincerely
 Ruth Guppell, President

JAWS at KPL

The most popular screen reader worldwide is now available at KPL's Main Library thanks to funding from the KPL Foundation.

Specifically designed for people with low vision or no vision, JAWS (Job Access with Speech) provides access to standard computer applications,

including Microsoft Office applications, the Internet, and email. With its internal software speech synthesizer and the computer's sound card, information from the screen is read aloud, providing technology to access a wide variety of information, education and job related applications. This software, along with our new 21

inch monitor, zoom text software, and scanner are the latest additions of assistive technology to the Access Centre.

For further information, please call 743-0271, or visit our website.

Julie Curry
 Coordinator, Borrower Services



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We want to honor all those who financially supported the
Foundation in the year 2005. Anonymity has been respected for
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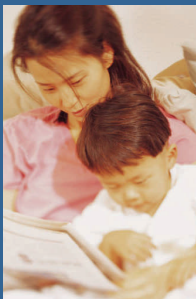
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*"We may
sit in our
library and
yet be in all
quarters of
the earth."*

*~John
Lubbock~*



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Imagine a New Central Library

In June 2006 City Council will make key decisions about the new Central Library. Please voice your support for this project. Plan on attending the May citizens' forum at City Hall where the future of the project will be discussed.

A larger Central Library is needed to keep pace with population growth and the community's emerging needs. Your new Central Library will be a place where people from all backgrounds come together to participate in life-long learning and leisure activities. It will welcome over 2000 visitors a day and provide access to larger

collections, more programs and more computers.

Instead of replacing the library, the Internet highlights why the library is more essential than ever. For those without Internet access at work, school or home, public libraries are the primary place to access the Internet.

Everyone who uses the Kitchener Public Library uses the downtown Main Library, even if they have never actually visited the building itself. The Main Library serves as the dynamic hub of an integrated network of community libraries.

Over 75,000 items from the Main Library's collections are annually borrowed by customers from other branches. By centralizing specialized collections, administration and support services we avoid duplication of costs.

As a valued community asset, a new Central Library will be a symbol of Kitchener's commitment to information, ideas, exploration, knowledge and growth. A great city is defined by its great public spaces. We hope you share our vision and will voice your support.

How Your Donation Dollars Were Spent in 2005

Autism Collection	\$5,180.74
Creative Sparks	\$1,906.49
First Language Links	\$5,442.42
Information Literacy Skills	\$961.20
Grace Schmidt Room	\$1,442.17
Homework Centre	\$980.85
Library Links for Life	\$45.19
Literacy and ESL Resources	\$4,532.05
Multicultural Materials	\$11,847.04
Pioneer Park Community Library	\$2,036.24
Technology	\$8,384.21
Teen Health Materials	\$859.50
Writer-In-Residence	<u>\$2,700.00</u>
Total	\$46,318.10

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Spring Event to Honor
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&
Librarian's Circle

Mark your calendars for
Wednesday, May 31, 2006