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Waterloo Historical Society
for generously supporting the
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Your donations have helped to
enhance the collections in the
Grace Schmidt Room and
preserve the history of our
community.

Dear Friends of KPL:

As a Foundation member, I have the unique opportunity of seeing the wonderful support the Kitchener Public Library receives through its annual Friends of the Library program. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Foundation raised \$29,396.94 to support library collections and expand services in our community.

Among the highlights of this past year, was the very successful Writer-In-Residence program which attracted the award-winning author, Nino Ricci as part of the Library's 125th anniversary. Nino's residency included lectures, hands-on workshops and one-on-one manuscript appraisals that reached out to more than 600 local writers. The KPL Foundation also supported the purchase of a new KP Owl costume. The new and improved mascot was officially unveiled at the 2009 Kidspark festival, to the delight of thousands of children. Besides using the mascot at a variety of family and children's events throughout the year, the library also receives numerous requests for the mascot to appear at community functions. KP Owl is a great ambassador for KPL and I'm sure that our new mascot will attract even greater attention whenever and wherever he appears. The remaining funds have been allocated to support ongoing initiatives such as our Autism collection, Creative Spark outreach initiative for grade one students, Library Links for Life community outreach, and enhancements to the children's area at the Pioneer Park Community Library.

Now that we are moving forward with the Central Library renovation and expansion, the Foundation has made a commitment to the Central Library fundraising campaign. We have agreed that all undesignated gifts for the next several years will be dedicated to the exciting construction project.

On behalf of the tens-of-thousands of people who benefit from the programs and services offered by KPL every year, the Kitchener Public Library Foundation extends heartfelt thanks to you, our generous donors! You know that when you make a financial contribution to the KPL Foundation, you are ensuring that Kitchener has a strong public library which benefits today's community and provides a legacy of learning for future generations.

Thank you.

Sherry Erb
President, KPL Foundation

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Autism Collection	\$1,733.59
Children & YA Collections	\$300.00
Creative Spark	\$1100.00
GRSP Youth Resources	\$46.41
Grace Schmidt Room	\$405.91
Library Links for Life	\$2569.03
KP Owl Mascot	\$6139.80
Pioneer Park	\$947.43
Writer-in-Residence	\$9600.00
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for generously supporting the
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Your donations have ensured
that KPL services are accessible
to our community through the
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Your donations have helped to
build and enhance the
Autism collection.

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fundraising information
arriving in your mailbox this
month!**

Stay tuned for a Central Library
campaign preview, including a sneak
peak at our exciting new fundraising
tag line, pledge cards and other
important information exclusively
for you, our loyal supporters.

The Changing Role of the Public Library

Kitchener Public Library is not unlike most Canadian libraries in that we face unprecedented demand for the services we offer and a growing need for new and innovative programs to meet the demands of an expanding population and diversifying community.

Gone are the days when the municipal library was but a quiet and stuffy book depository. Today, the library is a lively and welcoming gathering space, used by people of all walks of life.

In today's digital era, it is all but impossible to keep pace in society without access to current technology. Contrasting popular belief, there are still many families who cannot afford a computer or internet access at home. The library provides generous access to the latest in computer programs and internet. This contact with digital media provides not only a social outlet, but it also offers the opportunity to search for employment, build resumes, access government databases and services, and network with prospective employers. These uncertain economic times highlight the library's function as a connection to the world-at-large.

There is no doubting the importance of continuing education in today's marketplace. Often dubbed the "free university" libraries offer programs spanning many interests and needs. Anything from health information to local history is covered at KPL. With respected experts leading our programs, participants are confident knowing that in spite of these services being delivered free of charge, they are learning at a high level of quality.

Of course, literacy initiatives remain of utmost importance to KPL. With interactive and fun children's activities, supportive adult programs, and an expansive community outreach mandate that goes beyond the physical confines of our branches, KPL is a respected leader in the advocacy of literacy outreach to all facets of society.

Beyond the clear correlation between an active library and economic development, the downtown core of Kitchener will benefit by the Central Library renovation and expansion project through the business information services offered to local entrepreneurs, its contribution to the quality of life in the city, and an increase in the number of potential customers drawn to the downtown core on library business.

A first class library will enhance Kitchener's reputation as a desirable community in which to live, do business, and engage in recreational and social activity.

Paul Dickson
Manager, Development
Kitchener Public Library



Queen Street Perspective

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for current information
and more renderings of the
Central Library Renovation &
Expansion Project.



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