

## TD Summer Reading Program:

The Summer Reading Club has a long history at Kitchener Public Library; it is a core program that staff and customers look forward to each summer. Over the years the format of the Summer Reading Club has changed a lot, but the goal of the program has remained constant: to encourage kids to read.

Studies prove that the reading level of children who do not read during the school break decreases. By participating in the Summer Reading Club not only do children spend the summer having fun, they also return to school ready to read and succeed. Educators definitely recognize the value of KPL's role, as the following statement by Paul Boucher, Principal, John Sweeney Catholic Elementary School, shows: "Thanks for your continued support in promoting literacy during the summer months. The KPL is a wonderful partner in the education process for our students and we appreciate your efforts."

As part of KPL's strategic plan, a committee reviewed and evaluated the Summer Reading Club. The committee made recommendations to improve the program, in the hopes of attracting more children and ensuring they participate throughout the summer.

Thanks to the support of the KPL Foundation we have been able to act upon some of those recommendations and we are looking forward to our biggest and best year yet! We have wonderful new game boards to engage the kids and make the process fun – we know the kids are going to be anxious to come back each week to play the game. As well, we are able to get the kids excited with new and different prizes.

Our theme this year is LOL (Laugh Out Loud), so we are getting ready to tickle funny bones and make the kids of Kitchener smile and giggle. The support of the KPL Foundation means that the smiles are going to be wide and the giggles are going to go on and on and on...

## Why I Am A KPL User And Donor:

The KPL has been an important part of my life almost from the day of my arrival in Kitchener more than forty years ago. Apart from the usual city services such as water, sewer, and public safety services no other City of Kitchener facility has been used by me as much as the KPL.

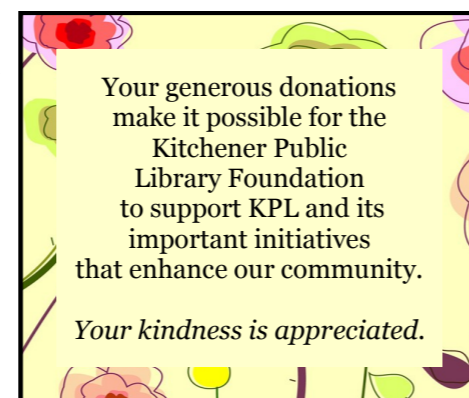
I cannot recall being in The Aud, for example, more times than perhaps two dozen. A visit for the occasional wedding ceremony, and a few visits for voting have been the sum total of my use of the city's community centres. (During the past year, I do confess to participating in exercise classes in these facilities). Even so, I would not for a minute suggest that their role in the community should be downgraded

in any way. I feel the same way for the pools, soccer pitches, ball diamonds and other recreational facilities the taxpayers provide.

However, my use of the KPL has been continuous, and at times during my life here, almost daily. During my working career, I used libraries all over this continent. Until recently few were the equal of KPL, its range and quality of service for a city this size is fantastic. But now cities and towns as widely scattered as West Palm Beach, Florida, Richmond, BC and Hespeler, have recently expanded and renovated their libraries in order to accommodate the future. I sincerely believe that KPL is now at that stage; it needs new space and modern plant. The KPL Board has devel-

oped doable and cost effective plans for providing them. I believe its plans are worthy of the support of every citizen and urge every user of the library to ensure that our Councilors know that you too support their plans.

William Kennaley



## A Message From The KPL Foundation:

Since our Friends of KPL Campaign began in 1994, the Foundation has presented the KPL Board with almost \$300,000 to support various programs and initiatives.

Our record of achievement will continue to grow because of the continued support we receive from you, our donors who are committed and supportive in helping the

Kitchener Public Library meet the growing needs of the community.

If you are a first time donor, we hope that you will also

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a living by what  
we get, but we make  
a life by what we give."**

~ Winston Churchill ~

continue to support the KPL Foundation in the years to come.

With the help of Friends like you we will ensure that the KPL will continue to be the most valued community resource in Kitchener.

For more information, please contact 519-743-0271, ext. 238 or visit our web site, [www.kpl.org/foundation](http://www.kpl.org/foundation).

## Central Library Project Update

As donors and library supporters, you may appreciate knowing we are making progress with our plans to improve and enhance the Main Library.

In mid April we announced three options for improving the Main Library. Option 1 would renovate the existing building. Option 2 would renovate and add 30,000 sq. ft. and option 3 would renovate and add 54,400 sq. ft. You can find more details about these plans at [www.kpl.org](http://www.kpl.org) by clicking on the Building for Success – Central Library Project button.

At the May 12, 2008 Finance and Corporate Service Committee meeting, Council approved the allocation of \$32.5M towards renovating and expanding the current Main Library. Support from Council on this motion was unanimous. Council further directed KPL and City staff to work on a funding plan for options 2 and 3 with a goal of reporting back to Council in September 2008.

We are hopeful that one of the options will be approved in September and we'll be given the green light to start the design phase of the project.

Thanks to those of you who participated in our recent public consultation. Your feedback on the plans was very helpful. We are especially grateful for your help in sending a message to Council letting them know there is support for the project.

It's not too late to let Council know you support the plans. To receive a postcard to send to Council please contact Leslie at 519-743-0271, ext. 238 or [leslie.zawadzki@kpl.org](mailto:leslie.zawadzki@kpl.org).

Thanks for your support.  
Sonia Lewis  
CEO, Kitchener Public Library

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are not  
made;  
they  
grow.”*

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