

APRIL 2011

Thank you for volunteering at the Kitchener Public Library!

This newsletter has been designed especially for you, our volunteers.

Your ideas and contributions are always welcome.



Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 9:00 pm
Friday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Sunday* 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
* Main Library only until May 15, 2011

Friday, April 22, 2011
Good Friday - closed

Sunday, April 24, 2011
Easter Sunday - closed

Monday, April 25, 2011
Easter Monday - closed

Monday, May 23, 2011
Victoria Day - closed

Happy Reading!

If you ask me, one of life's greatest pleasures is reading in bed on Saturday mornings. There is something about lounging in bed and reading that really appeals to me. It has become my Saturday morning ritual, as has my husband's practice of serving me breakfast in bed. It's only fair, since I make coffee for him Monday to Friday!

On a recent Saturday morning I finished off *Cool Water* by Dianne Warren. I loved this Governor General Literary Awards winner with its quirky characters and descriptions of rural and small town Saskatchewan. As is often the case when I'm reading a good book, I didn't want it to end. Fortunately, I had a pile of other books at my bedside. Apparently, I had gone wild placing holds and as luck would have it, they all arrived within a couple days.

My next selection was *Brooklyn* by Irish author, Colm Tóibín, an engaging story about a young woman who leaves Ireland to find work in America. We witness her struggles to master living and working in a strange land and the conflict she faces when tragedy takes her back to Ireland.

While it's not my typical Saturday morning reading, I took breaks from *Brooklyn* to read *Breaking the Food Seduction: the Hidden Reasons Behind Food Cravings and 7 Steps to End Them Naturally* by Neal Barnard. With Easter coming soon, I need all the tips I can find on dealing with chocolate! The author recommends a vegan diet. While I don't plan to make that transition, the book does have some good advice and interesting recipes.

This past Saturday I started *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova, a story of a Harvard psychology professor developing early-onset Alzheimer's. Next time you see me, you'll have to ask me what I thought about this book.

Whether it is curled up in a cozy armchair, stretched out on the couch or lounging in bed, I hope you, too, have enjoyed some good books lately.

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Sonia Lewis, CEO, Kitchener Public Library



"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world." - Howard Zinn

National Volunteer Week pays tribute to the millions of Canadian volunteers who graciously donate their time and energy. It is Canada's largest celebration of volunteers, volunteerism, and civic participation. Canadians have a rich history of volunteering and community involvement. With 12.5 million of them dedicating their time across Canada, volunteers are on the front lines of all our community services - community health care, sports and recreation, libraries, heritage and arts, environmental protection and advocacy, disaster relief, international development, and volunteer fire-fighting - the list is endless. The work of volunteers is essential to maintaining resilient communities at home and around the world.

Last year, the Kitchener Public Library had 481 volunteers donate 10,236 hours system-wide. To all of our volunteers, we say THANK YOU! Thanks for helping out, giving back and having fun at KPL. You are enhancing library services and making a difference in your community!



And The Award Goes To...

KPL greatly appreciates the outstanding contributions of those individuals who are celebrating a milestone in volunteer service. Congratulations to these long-service award winners!

3 YEARS: J. Bechard, J. Brooks, G. Capa, K. Chin, F. Culligan, E. Gratton, S. Gorni, K. Kay, T. Mains, C. Quick, M. Reid, E. Restorick, X. Rowles, I. Syrokomla, A. Vanderzanden, P. Wong, A. Karadkhedkar

5 YEARS: M. Ball, H. Deng, B. Drobot, C. Kaar, M. Lankowski, D. Lautenschlager, F. Mendes, J. Nguyen, L. Reuss, P. Smith, D. Templeton

10 YEARS: S. Doherty, L. Moses, V. Naas, N. Nederpelt, B. Pagan, J. Pym, K. Sibley, B. Singh

15 YEARS: R. Fleming, B. Vrbanovic

20 YEARS: M. Gingrich

Volunteer Recognition Passports Still Available

You worked hard all year, so let us thank you! We are pleased to provide a series of complimentary events and activities during National Volunteer Week. Contact us at 519-743-0271 ext. 275 for more details and to reserve your volunteer recognition passport today.

With Thanks!

The Kitchener Public Library greatly appreciates your on-going support and has a special package waiting for you at your community library. Be sure to pick up your gift package from April 11 - 30/11.

Difference Makers!

Here are some inspiring non-fiction books that feature those who have made a difference.

Giving: How Each of Us Can Change The World
Bill Clinton

Little Princes: One Man's Promise To Bring Home The Lost Children Of Nepal
Conor Grennan

Me To We: Finding Meaning In A Material World
Craig Kielburger

Stones Into School
Greg Mortenson

We Are The New Radicals: A Manifesto For Reinventing Yourself & Saving The World
Julia Moulden

One Can Make A Difference: How Simple Actions Can Change The World
Ingrid Newkirk

Writing To Change The World
Mary Pipher

Tell Me Why: How Young People Change The World
Eric Walters

Leaving Microsoft To Change The World: An Entrepreneur's Odyssey To Educate The World's Children
John Wood

The House That Love Built
Bettie Youngs

Central Library Update

Work is progressing rapidly on the Central Library Renovation and Expansion Project. Demolition of the rear portion of the library has been completed and excavation work is currently underway on the three-level underground parking complex. Project details, along with current service accommodations, can be found on the project's website, at www.kpl.org/central.

Despite construction, the Main Library remains open for business, and continues to serve over 1,000 customers each day out of the Queen Street location. In fact, the library recently began offering a new service, called *PressDisplay*, to provide access to 1,700 international newspapers from 92 countries in 48 languages. Although the new online database can be accessed remotely, the Main Library also offers a dedicated *PressDisplay* computer station, free of charge, for library customers without personal computer access.

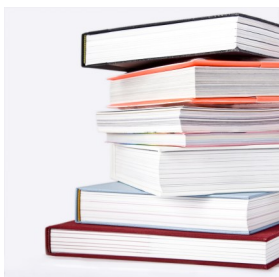


We are pleased to share an exciting evolve. literally. campaign update with you. The fundraising campaign has recently received two new major gifts in support of the Central Library project. On March 12th, the Waterloo Historical Society presented us with a cheque for \$12,000. This gift reflects the close ties between the two organizations, dating back to WHS's beginnings in 1912. Additionally, the Lyle S. Hallman Foundation has granted KPL \$50,000. This donation will be used in support of the

'new' children's department of the Main Library. Pledges and gifts to the evolve. literally. campaign to date now total over \$207,000.

You(th) Make A Difference At The Kitchener Public Library!

Our Summer Teen Volunteer Program is for teens (13 - 18 years) who want to enhance their résumé, meet new friends and have fun volunteering. During a two-week session, volunteers help make our children's programs a great success. Applications are available at all KPL locations and on our website until June 1, 2011.



We Know You Love To Read!

Thanks for telling us about your favourite books. You obviously enjoy reading a lot! We have gathered many of your favourites titles and will display them during National Volunteer Week (April 10 - 16, 2011) at all KPL locations. We have also put some of your favourites in the Featured Collections section on our website. Here are just a few of the books that you enjoyed reading...

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson; *The Boy In The Moon* by Ian Brown; *The Hunger Games*~ by Suzanne Collins; *Marshall McLuhan* by Douglas Coupland; *The Maze Runner*~by James Dashner; *Sarah's Key** by Tatiana de Rosnay; *The Brain That Changes Itself* by Norman Doidge; *Room*~ by Emma Donoghue; *The Best Laid Plans* by Terry Fallis; *Delusions of Gender* by Cordelia Fine; *The Cellist of Sarajevo*~ by Steven Galloway; *Left Neglected*~ by Lisa Genova; *The Secret Daughter*~ by Shilpi Somaya Gowda; *U Is For Undertow**~ by Sue Grafton; *Water For Elephants**~ by Sara Gruen; *The Many Lives & Secret Sorrows of Josephine B.* by Sandra Gulland; *The Book Of Negroes* by Lawrence Hill; *The Lost Garden* by Helen Humphreys; *The Historian** by Elizabeth Kostova; *Keturah & Lord Death* by Martine Leavitt; *The Distant Hours** by Kate Morton; *Crossroads** by Belva Plain; *Zen And The Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* by Robert Pirsig; *Bury Your Dead**~ by Louise Penny; *Accordion Crimes** by Annie Proulx; *Seven Deadly Wonders* by Matthew Reilly; *Red Glass** by Laura Resau; *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Society**~ by Mary Ann Shaffer; *The Imam's Daughter* by Hannah Shah; *The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo**~ by Stieg Larsson; *The Help**~ by Katherine Stockett; *The Other Family** by Joanna Trollope; *Cutting For Stone* by Abraham Verghese; *The Glass Castle*~ by Jeanette Walls; *I Am The Messenger*~ by Markus Zusak.

* also available in large print; ~ also available in audio format