

## February 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

Mon. – Thurs. 9:30 am - 9:00 pm

Friday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 pm\*

\* at the Main Library only until  
May 15, 2011

Monday, February 21, 2011

Family Day - closed

Friday, April 22, 2011

Good Friday - closed

Sunday, April 24, 2011

Easter Sunday - closed

Monday, April 25, 2011

Easter Monday - closed

## *Best Wishes!*

I hope the New Year got off to a great start for you. It certainly has at Kitchener Public Library. If you have visited the Main Library lately you know there has been plenty of construction activity. The back of the building has been demolished to make way for the three-level underground garage. The excavation for the garage will be starting any day now.

I had an opportunity last week to view the construction site from an upper floor of Regional Headquarters. While I have a street level view from my office, I have to say the 8<sup>th</sup> floor view was amazing. It provided a real sense of the amount of work that has been accomplished since construction started before Christmas.

Of course, as always, there is much more going on at KPL than just the central library project. In late January we launched a new service which offers downloadable music, and self-checkout went live at two of our branches. The option to check out your own materials was introduced last year at the Forest Heights Community Library. Now the same service is available at Grand River Stanley Park and Country Hills Community Libraries.

For those of you who have trouble remembering due dates, you'll be happy to hear that soon you'll receive an email reminder three days in advance of your due dates. For items like DVDs with loan periods of a week or less there won't be notification.

I know that the construction has had an impact on our volunteers at the Main Library and those of you who visit the Main Library as customers. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your support and patience, not to mention your continued commitment to the library.

Best wishes,

*Sonia*

Sonia Lewis, CEO, Kitchener Public Library

## Central Library Project Update

Demolition of the rear portion of the Main Library is nearing completion! This partial demolition is necessary to accommodate the construction of our underground parking complex and subsequent new library addition. Soon work will commence on the three-level underground parking structure; followed by the construction of our new 25,000 square foot addition at the rear of the building. Although the library will remain open for business during this process, we do want to advise you that there will be some noise associated with this work. We are committed to providing our customers as much advance notice as possible of any disruptions to library services that we may encounter. Don't forget that the Kitchener Public Library also has four community library locations that will be open as usual throughout the Main Library's renovation project. Each community library has free parking and borrowed materials can be returned to any location in our system.

You can follow the progress of our building project on our website - [Building On Success](#).



## Main Library Elevator Now Operational!

Hurray! It's not often we get to report work being completed ahead of schedule – but today's the day! Repair work is now complete and the elevator is back in service.

## Did You Know?

All locations of the Kitchener Public Library now have personal FM assisted listening devices (ALDs) available for customers with hearing disabilities. The FM system provides personal hearing assistance when background noise or distance from the sound sources makes listening difficult. To request an FM system for use in our meeting rooms, contact the library program site at least 3 days in advance of the event.



## Wishing You Health And Happiness

The Kitchener Public Library invites you to explore our excellent health-related book collections and [HealthLink](#) services - your source for reliable health information on the Internet. To get you started on the road to better health and happiness, check out these non-fiction books: [Fitness Information For Teens](#) by Lisa Bakewell; [The Complete A – Z Nutrition Encyclopedia](#) by Leslie Beck; [The Women's Health Big Book of Exercises](#) by Adam Campbell; [The Healthy Skeptic](#) by Robert Davis; [Lighthearted At Home](#) by Ann Lindsay; [Mayo Clinic Family Health Book](#) by Scot Litin; [Fitness For Dummies](#) by Suzanne Schlosbert; [Brain: The Complete Mind](#) by Michael S. Sweeney; [Your Health: What Works, What Doesn't](#) by Marianne Wait; [Travel Health Guide](#) by Mark Wise.



Kitchener Public Library customers now have access to half a million songs that can be downloaded from [Freegal](#), a free (and legal) music database that hosts all Sony entertainment record labels.

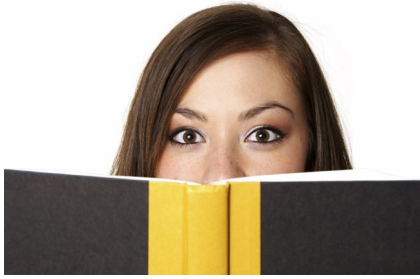
You will be able to download 2 songs per week. The download week runs from Monday 12:01 AM till midnight Sunday night.

There is an overall weekly limit, too. KPL will begin at 300 downloads per week, but it will be reviewed if demand grows beyond that. If the library runs out of downloads for the week, you can go to 'my wish list' and queue up for future music.

Every song has a sample clip that you can listen to before you download. You can browse by artist and genre lists and access many of today's most popular musicians.

Freegal will work with any MP3 player, including iPod and can be loaded into iTunes. It works on both PCs and Macs. There are no digital management rights, so there is no extra software that needs to be downloaded and once you download the song, it does not expire. The song is yours to keep!

Enjoy this new service!



## We Know You Love To Read!

Back by popular demand! In April, we will be creating a special book display that features our volunteers' favourite books. Please tell us about the fiction, non-fiction or teen titles that you enjoyed reading in 2010 and we will add them to our display. We are looking for new releases as well as older gems that you only just discovered. Email your suggestions to: [volunteer@KPL.org](mailto:volunteer@KPL.org) by Monday, February 28, 2011.

To see what KPL staff enjoyed reading in 2010, visit our 'staff picks' list on our website. Here are a few of our favourites: *Minding Frankie* by Maeve Binchy; *Let's Take The Long Way Home* by Gail Caldwell; *Worth Dying For*\*~ by Lee Child; *Clockwork Angel*~ by Cassandra Clare; *Good To A Fault* by Marina Endicott; *If I Stay* by Gayle Forman; *Secret Daughter* by Shilpi Somaya Gowda; *Ape House*\*~ by Sara Gruen; *Last Night In Twisted River*\*~ by John Irving; *Twenties Girl*\* by Sophie Kinsella; *Light Lifting* by Alexander MacLeod; *Suite Françoise*\*~ by Irène Némirovsky; *My Name Is Mary Sutter* by Robin Oliveira; *Bury Your Dead*\*~ by Louise Penny; *The Help*\*~ by Kathryn Stockett; *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout; *Half Broke Horses*\*~ by Jeannette Walls; *One Good Dog* by Susan Wilson.

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

## New Feature Added To Our Catalogue

A new feature has been added to the KPL catalogue: NoveList Select. Now when you view a book, our catalogue scans the NoveList database to look for similar titles and authors to recommend. It will also search for additional books in the series, and any lists (awards, discussion topics, etc.) related to the item you are viewing. NoveList Select then cross-checks those with the library's holdings in order to display reading suggestions from materials within KPL. When available, this additional content appears at the bottom of the item record. Please note that it takes the system a moment to scan the database before displaying the results. To see what NoveList looks like in our catalogue, search this fiction title: *Room* by Emma Donoghue.

## Announcing KPL's 2011 Edna Staebler Writer-In-Residence Author



Kenneth Oppel published his first novel at age 17. In 1995, he received the Canadian Authors' Association Air Canada Award, for promise demonstrated by a young Canadian writer. Since then, Kenneth has published 27 books, including picture books, children's chapter books, novels for children and teens, several screenplays and an adult novel. His work has received numerous literary awards, including the Governor General's Literary Award, the Canadian Library Association's Book of the Year for Children, the American Library Association's Best Book for Young Adults and the Ontario Library Association's Silver Birch and Red Maple Awards. In 2006, Kenneth received the Vicky Metcalf Award for Children's Literature, which is awarded to an author of an outstanding body of work in children's literature.

Please join for a special reception to officially welcome Kenneth Oppel on **Tuesday, March 1 at 5 pm** at the Country Hills Community Library. All ages welcome! Books will be available for purchase and Kenneth will be signing books at this event.

Our Edna Staebler Writer-in-Residence program is designed to provide individual feedback on manuscript submissions. Manuscripts will be accepted on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 from 9:30 am to 9:00 pm in person only at the Country Hills Community Library. All eligible manuscripts will be entered into a lottery for one of the 40 available spaces. For more information on the manuscript submission process and the writing workshops that Kenneth will be presenting, check out the '[Contests & Exhibits](#)' page of our website.

