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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 13, 2012

Library Closed:

October 27/11; Staff Development Day
December 24/11; all locations close at 1:00 pm
December 25/11; Christmas Day
December 26/11; Boxing Day
December 27/11; Closed
December 31/11; all locations close at 1:00 pm
January 1/12; New Year's Day
January 2/12; Closed

KPL Makes It Possible To Dream Bigger

With Thanksgiving still on our minds, it seems like a good time to thank all our volunteers. We are very grateful for the role you play at Kitchener Public Library. Your gift of time is precious and your impact immeasurable.

Earlier this year we asked visitors to Kitchener Public Library and to the KPL website to comment on our services, collections and future direction. Over 960 people took the time to share their thoughts. We collected a wealth of information that will help us establish future priorities and to serve the community better. We asked participants to comment on how KPL had impacted their lives. Here is a sample of the responses.

"The library is a crucial part of our community."

"KPL helped me...lead an extraordinary life through the reading of books."

"It has opened the world of books to my children, and I will be forever grateful!"

"It was before my only source of all information about Canadian life and all differences (last 15 years)."

"Encouraged me to read again after staying away from it for several years."

"It helped me graduate from University and opened up a world of adventure and enlightenment."

"It has given me a chance to volunteer, meet wonderful new people and keep active in my old age."

And one of my favourite comments: *"KPL makes it possible to dream bigger..."*

We also asked about KPL's future. We heard repeatedly, *"I'd like a KPL that embraces both the future and the past. To me the KPL just wouldn't be the same without all its books, but I also like that it is adopting new technology."* As we move forward, we will do our best to provide a balance of traditional and new. One survey question asked participants what colour captured their impression of KPL and why. To be honest we were a little nervous asking this somewhat goofy question. In the end, the responses were fascinating and gave us some real insight into what people think about the library and the kind of place they want it to be. Be sure to check the next issue of In Touch, available in late November, to learn more about the colours associated with KPL.

I hope you are enjoying the glorious fall weather and colours.

Sonia

Sonia Lewis, CEO, Kitchener Public Library

Central Library Project

Underground garage construction is continuing as planned and taking advantage of some great fall weather. The upper level of the first section of the garage has been poured and work is progressing to extend the garage to its full phase one size.

Work is also underway to install insulation along the library's south wall. The original 1962 design of the Main Library did not incorporate any insulation into this exterior wall. In order to preserve the Bechtel Mural, located inside the lounge area, this insulation work is being done from the outside. All the original stone has been removed to facilitate installation of the insulation material. Once the insulation work is complete, the original stone will be re-applied.



Encore: Our Enhanced Catalogue

We've recently updated our catalogue with a discovery portal called Encore, giving you a powerful new way to see what is available in our library system. Searching is easy with a single keyword box that connects you to all the trusted resources KPL has to offer including books, scholarly and popular articles, multi-media, specialized digital collections and more.

Here are some of the exciting features of our enhanced catalogue:

- An intuitive keyword (google-like) search that automatically differentiates between title, author & subject
- "Did you mean" suggestions for misspelled words
- The inclusion of database articles within search results
- The ability to add 'tags' to items; a great way to create specialized collections that are virtual and easy to find
- The left-hand menu allows you to refine or limit your search results by availability, format, location, language, publish date. You can combine limits together to quickly drill down to the most relevant items.
- The option to write and post reviews for others to see online
- A shopping cart function that allows you to gather titles and place multiple holds at one time or email lists

Remember you can still use the traditional catalogue if you prefer tightly-defined author, title and subject searches; just click on 'classic catalogue' at the bottom of any Encore page.



Non-Fiction That Reads Like Fiction

[Midnight In The Garden Of Good And Evil](#) by John Berendt; [Let's Take The Long Way Home: A Memoir Of Friendship](#) by Gail Caldwell; [In Cold Blood](#) by Truman Capote; [Too Close To The Falls](#) by Catherine Gildiner; [Zeitoun](#) by Dave Eggers; [Bossypants](#) by Tina Fey; [Hot Art](#) by Joshua Knelman; [Into Thin Air: A Personal Account Of The Mount Everest Disaster](#) by Jon Krakauer; [Curse Of The Narrows](#) by Laura MacDonald; [Through The Glass](#) by Shannon Moroney; [A Nurse's Story: Life, Death, And In-Between In An Intensive Care Unit](#) by Tilda Shalof; [Cardboard Gods: An All-American Tale Told Through Baseball Cards](#) by Josh Wilker; [The Professor And The Madman: A Tale Of Murder, Insanity, And The Making Of The Oxford English Dictionary](#) by Simon Winchester.

Reserve Alert

Here are a few fiction titles that you won't want to miss:

The Night Strangers *~

Chris Bohjalian

The Affair *~

Lee Child

Falling Together *

Marisa de los Santos

The Little Shadows

Marina Endicott

Litigators *~

John Grisham

The Lady Of The Rivers ~

Philippa Gregory

The Night Circus ~

Erin Morgenstern

New York To Dallas

J.D. Robb

Before The Poison

Peter Robinson

Best of Me *~

Nicholas Sparks

The Fear Index

Robert Harris

When She Woke

Hillary Jordan

The Impossible Dead

Ian Rankin

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

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