


August 2011

Thank you for volunteering at the Kitchener Public Library! This newsletter has been designed especially for you, our volunteer. Your ideas and contributions are always welcome.

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Library Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:30 am - 8:30 pm
Friday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Regular Hours start September 6/11:

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; Oct. 16 - Dec. 11/11

Library Closed:

Monday, September 5/11 - Labour Day
Monday, October 10/11 - Thanksgiving
Thursday, October 27/11 - KPL Staff Development Day; we will be working and learning to serve you better.

Let's Read!

There was an article in this morning's *Waterloo Region Record* about teachers learning to produce better readers. The teachers were at summer school exploring different activities that help children read. Encouraging a love of reading is something we do every day at Kitchener Public Library. Many of you in your volunteer capacity help us achieve this through programs like *Reading Buddies*.

One of KPL's greatest contributions to the community is helping people of all ages develop literacy skills. Pick up any issue of *In Touch* and you'll see the wide range of programs we offer. This time of year we help kids keep up their reading skills with programs like the Summer Reading Club.

The *Let's Read* program encourages families in Waterloo Region to read the same book as a family, making literacy a family project. *Let's Read* is a partnership between Kitchener Public Library, Waterloo Public Library, Cambridge Libraries and Galleries, Region of Waterloo Libraries, Project Read, KW Art Gallery, Wordsworth Books, and the Ontario Early Years Centres. The 2011 program is sponsored by Cowan Insurance Group and the Waterloo Region Record. Join us in September at The Word on the Street for the official launch of this year's selection, **Farm Team** by Linda Bailey.

If you would like to show your support for *Let's Read* consider attending the August 11, 2011 performance of the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. This JM Drama production is playing at Kitchener's Registry Theatre Aug. 11-13 and 18-20. Proceeds from the opening night performance will be donated to *Let's Read*. For more details about JM Drama and this production visit <http://www.jmdrama.org/>. We're grateful to JM Drama for their generous support.

Literacy skills are critical to one's quality of life and future success. As KPL volunteers, you play a vital role in our literacy programming. Thank you!

I hope to see you August 11 at the Registry Theatre or around the library.

Sonia

Sonia Lewis, CEO, Kitchener Public Library

Central Library Project

Work is continuing to progress on our renovation and expansion project. Excavation of the underground parking garage is now complete. Over 7,000 dump trucks of earth were removed from the site! Concrete is being poured and the underground garage is starting to take shape. A tower crane has also been installed on our construction site to move heavy materials and equipment.



To thank our customers for their continued patience and loyalty during our renovation and construction period, we've created a special *On-The-Grow* collection of popular, high interest items, available exclusively at the Main Library. These new books, CDs & DVDs for children, teens and adults are identified with a special construction helmet sticker. Unlike *Express Reads* & *Express Views*, regular loan periods apply. Borrow your favourites for longer! The *On-The-Grow* items are located near the Main Library's circulation desk. Come inside to see what's new!

Enjoy The Great Outdoors

Parks Canada celebrates its centennial this year and in their honour, we are listing books that will inspire you to get outside and enjoy nature. [Canada's National Parks: A Celebration](#) by Parks Canada; [Bicycle Diaries](#) by David Byrne; [Eating Outdoors](#) by the editors of Country Living; [Hiking In Ontario](#) by Tracey Arial; [100 Ways To Take Better Landscape Photographs](#) by Guy Edwardes, [Gardening Step By Step](#) by Phil Clayton; [Backyard Guide To The Night Sky](#) by Howard Schneider; [Fit By Nature: The AdventX Twelve-Week Outdoor Fitness Program](#) by John Colver.

Thank You Librarian

Random House Inc. asked their Twitter followers to thank the librarians who helped shape the readers they are today. Here are some of their responses:

@randalljweiss: #ThankYouLibrarian for patiently printing a new library card every time I lost the previous one.

@ShelfCheck: #ThankYouLibrarian for showing me how to research smarter and teaching me that I am capable of learning ANYTHING.

@BbblegumBraniac: #ThankYouLibrarian for helping a lost first grader find solace in the world of the printed page when no one else was there.

@marcelalibrella: #ThankYouLibrarian who turned to me in college and said, "Ever consider doing my job someday?"

Source: www.randomhouse.com

What's New?

Here are a few fiction titles that we recently added to our collection:

Spell Bound

by Kelley Armstrong

Back of Beyond

by C.J.Box ~

Smokin' Seventeen

by Janet Evanovich *~

Eyes Wide Open

by Andrew Gross *

Alone In The Classroom

by Elizabeth Hay

You're Next

by Gregg Hurwitz

Last Letter From Your Lover

by Jojo Moyes

Flash And Bones

by Kathy Reichs ~

One Dog Night

by David Rosenfelt

Never Knowing

by Chevy Stevens

Portrait Of A Spy

by Daniel Silva *~

Happy Birthday

by Danielle Steel *

Shut Your Eyes Tight

by John Verdon

Then Came You

by Jennifer Weiner ~

The Sixes

by Kate White *

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

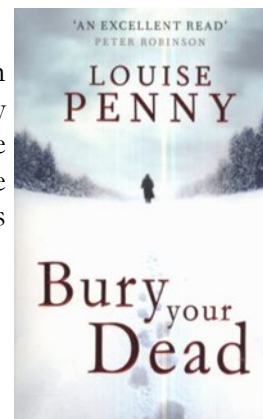


Did you know that our webpage (under the heading *Books & More*) has YouTube links for some of our new releases? Check out this beautiful clip for [The Last Letter From Your Lover](#) by Jojo Moyes or the conversation with Gregg Hurwitz on his latest book [You're Next](#).

One Book, One Community

Each year, One Book, One Community (OBOC) promotes a book for all of Waterloo Region to read and enjoy. The title for 2011 is Louise Penny's mystery, **Bury Your Dead**. The story is set in modern day Quebec City where a man, intent on discovering the whereabouts of the burial site of Samuel de Champlain, has been brutally murdered. In order to discover the murderer, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache must also resolve the mystery of Champlain's final resting place.

After you've read the book, enjoy an armchair debriefing with award-winning author Louise Penny and the Chief of Police, Matt Torigian on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 7 PM at Victoria Park Pavilion (80 Schneider Avenue). Doors open at 6:30 PM; parking is free.



Watch for these OBOC events coming soon to KPL:

- Mystery of Samuel de Champlain/ Monday, September 26 at 7 PM (Country Hills Library)
- Solving Crime in Waterloo Region/ Wednesday, September 28 at 7 PM (Country Hills Library)

For more information about OBOC, visit [KPL's website](#) or get the latest news by following [@oboc_kw](#) on twitter.

What Do You Want To Read In 2012?

The OBOC committee is already planning for next year's program and are asking the community for suggestions. What type of book is selected? Canadian. Engaging. Well written. Discussable. Memorable. If you have a great book idea, visit the [OBOC website](#) to learn more about the selection criteria and submit your suggestion online before Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at midnight.



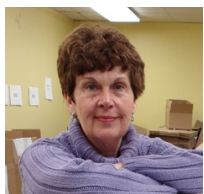
Kidspark

It's fun, it's free, it's amazing! Join us on Sunday, August 14th from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM in Victoria Park, Kitchener for the 23rd annual Kidspark. Children and families will enjoy live entertainment, story-telling, make and take crafts, workshops and discovery centres. KPL is proud to be an organizing partner for Kidspark. For more details, visit the City of Kitchener's [web-site](#).

Kidspark would not be possible without our amazing volunteers. Special thanks to everyone who will be leading the hands-on activities and helping to make this festival a great success. We couldn't do it without you!

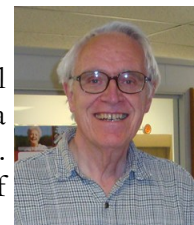
Salute To Volunteers

In June, Sharon Gorni and Justus Knierim were honoured with a **Salute to Seniors Award** from the Mayor's Advisory Council for Kitchener Seniors. These two special volunteers attended a ceremony at City Hall and were recognized for their outstanding contributions to our library.



Sharon Gorni is passionate about libraries! Since her retirement from the Kitchener Public Library (after a successful career of 49 years), Sharon has played an active role in organizing our annual book sales and is currently taking the Visiting Library program to the residents of Trinity Studios. Sharon loves to share the joy of reading with others and we greatly appreciate her continued involvement at KPL.

When Justus Knierim first moved to the Kitchener area, he started to volunteer with a special project in the Grace Schmidt Room. There he scanned historically significant photographs into a computer database so that our customers would have greater access to these valuable resources. Justus dedicated 175+ hours to this project and scanned over 2,660 photos! Now, Justus shelf reads in the GSR and we applaud his dedication to preserving local history.



A book is like a garden carried in a pocket. - Chinese Proverb