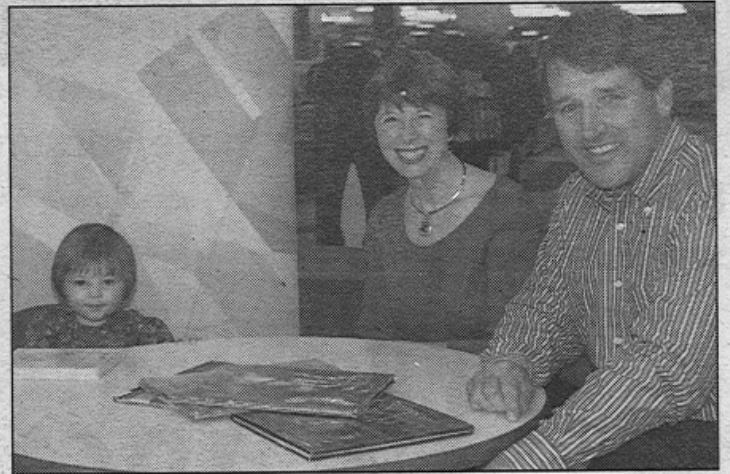




From left: Hulene Montgomery, Executive Director of the Lyle S. Hallman Foundation, Foundation Chair Jim Hallman, KPL Board Chair Dan Carli, and KPL CEO Sonia Lewis after the Foundation announced a grant in support of the KPL Children's Department.



Zoe Harrison, left, gets a head start on developing her literacy skills at the Kitchener Public Library's central branch in downtown Kitchener. She's joined by Hulene Montgomery and Jim Hallman of the Lyle S. Hallman Foundation.

Lyle S. Hallman Foundation supports central library fundraising campaign

The Lyle S. Hallman Foundation has approved a significant grant in support of the Kitchener Public Library's (KPL) central library fundraising campaign.

In making the \$50,000 contribution, the Foundation's Board has respected the wishes of its founder and namesake, the late Lyle Hallman. Mr. Hallman's desire to create opportunities for recreation and character-building programmes, particularly for children and youth of low-income families, is addressed by the Foundation's Children and Youth Capital Grant Programme through which KPL's grant has been made.

Kitchener Public Library will use the funds to

establish a Discovery Zone within the renovated and expanded Children's Department. Through fun, hands-on activities, pre-schoolers will learn fundamental pre-literacy skills in an accessible and welcoming atmosphere.

Caregivers will also have access to expertly designed take-home exercises that will build upon the skills introduced at the library. Strong literacy skills, encouraged early, and higher potential go hand in hand.

Kitchener Public Library thanks the Lyle S. Hallman Foundation for investing in brighter futures through this generous gift.