



2010 Donor Report

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Message from the Board Chair and CEO

“There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration.”

~Andrew Carnegie

Dear Friends of Kitchener Public Library,

There have been few timelier moments in history to pause and consider the validity of these reflections by Andrew Carnegie.

As people around the globe embrace social equality, we're reminded of the many democratic institutions that we as Canadians too often take for granted.

The Public Library is a sanctuary of democratic ideals. It's a place that encourages the exploration of personal interests and beliefs, without prejudice for race, religion, culture, or economic class.

While there are some individuals who question the place of the Library in this increasingly tech-centric world, the programs and services offered by Kitchener Public Library continue to change with the world around us. What will

never change is the Library's fundamental role as the free, open, and democratic centre of information within the community.

We are thrilled that the Central Library renovation and expansion is underway. This undertaking is the largest in KPL's history, and will ensure that the Library continues to meet the needs of our customers, a group that grows year after year. The rejuvenated building will be a welcoming space for everyone in our community to explore and enjoy.

In 2010, Kitchener Public Library was the beneficiary of substantial community generosity. Many of you elected to give to the Central Library fundraising campaign. Others designated gifts to a particular department within the Library. No matter what aspect of KPL you're passionate about giving to, we thank you for your kind support.

Sincerely,



Dan Carli, Board Chair



Sonia Lewis, CEO

evolve. literally. Campaign Update

Since the *evolve. literally.* fundraising campaign was introduced to the public in April 2010, the people and businesses of Kitchener have demonstrated that the valuable role KPL has in this city is not taken for granted.

The campaign was designed to exhibit the tremendous support that this community has for the library, and that the decision to move forward with the renovation and expansion of the Central Library was a wise investment by our local leaders.

Renowned American anthropologist Margaret Mead once said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” KPL's small, but growing group of committed donors will have a big impact on the future of public library services offered in this city for years to come.

Kitchener Public Library is about so much more than loaned materials. The public library of today is a warm, welcoming place where people of all walks of life come to explore their potential through reading, interactive workshops, research services, social activities, early literacy development programs...the possibilities are endless. The rejuvenated Central Library will offer you and your neighbours an even greater space in which to imagine, discover, and connect.

Because of your generosity, I am pleased to inform you that the campaign exceeded its 2010 target of \$100,000. With your help, we will soon reach our campaign goal of \$500,000 and celebrate the milestone together.

Thank you for giving to Kitchener Public Library in 2010!

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Paul Dickson, Campaign Manager

Making Campaign History

In February of 2010, Christie Canada made a gift of \$25,000. This donation not only marked the first major gift of the campaign, it signalled that leaders of this community support the efforts of Kitchener Public Library.



In a significant show of support for Kitchener Public Library, Christie Digital Systems Canada Inc., a global leader of visual display technologies based in Kitchener, made campaign history by becoming its first major donor.

Before campaign efforts formalized, Christie Canada's President, Gerry Remers, was interested in learning more about the fundraising efforts in support of the Central Library project.

Gerry recognizes the crucial role that public libraries have in our communities, and that many employees of Christie Canada live in Kitchener and use the services of KPL. In fact, Gerry is a long time KPL customer, and because they live nearby, his family often

visits the Main Library on Queen Street. Thanks to this firsthand knowledge of KPL's unique programs, he understands that the Central Library project is an important undertaking that will benefit the people and businesses of Kitchener for many years.

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For more information on Christie, please visit www.christiedigital.com

Silver

Donors who gave \$50 - \$149

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17 Anonymous

Ann Marie Kennaley, Dedicated Volunteer and Donor

Shortly after settling into her new home, Ann Marie made a visit to KPL. Immediately, she “knew it was a very special place, so warm and welcoming”.



Moving to a new city, particularly as a newlywed, is a daunting experience. If the pressure of unpacking, connecting utilities, charting unfamiliar surroundings, and linking with new doctors, dentists and so on isn't enough, there's the formidable task of establishing a fresh social network.

Kitchener Public Library volunteer and donor Ann Marie Kennaley faced these inevitable hurdles when she and her husband William settled in this city in 1966. KPL is one organization where Ann Marie began planting roots in the community.

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Giving back to the organization that helped her feel welcome in Kitchener, Ann Marie was appointed to the KPL Board of Trustees. She served on the Board, including two terms as Chair, from 1986-1994.

In 1994, Ann Marie and other KPL supporters recognized an opportunity to establish a way for people in this community to give financially to their library. That year, the KPL Foundation was born. Ann Marie has remained a Foundation Director since that time, and has served as President and Vice President over the seventeen year span.

Ann Marie has not only been a committed volunteer, she and William are also generous donors. They give to “ensure the continuation of a strong library service in this community.”

Sincere thanks to all 2010 Kitchener Public Library donors:

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Donors who gave or pledged \$25,000 or more

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In Memorium

In 2010, KPL received memorial donations in honour of the following individuals. Our sincere condolences are extended to their loved ones.

Ruth Craig
Nancy Fortier-Reeve
Susan L. Friesen
Marleen Lody Kawalec
Pauline Margison
Cari Petrie
Eleanor Proctor
Dorothy Russell

Comfort In Mom's Voice



Each Fall since 1998, ten women are selected from many applicants, to participate in a Kitchener Public Library sponsored program that connects them with their little ones in a meaningful way.

For most of us, it's unfathomable. Being away from our loved ones over the holidays. Imagine, if you can, being separated from your young children as they spend the most magical time of year in the care of relatives or foster families.

For many of the women incarcerated at the Grand Valley Institution for Women, missing the milestones in the lives of their little ones is an unfortunate consequence of the missteps for which they've been sentenced to time apart from society. In fact, 75% of the institution's women are mothers of young children, upwards of 20% are grandmothers.

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many applicants, to participate in a Kitchener Public Library sponsored program that connects them with their little ones in a meaningful way. The nominated women are given an opportunity to do something most parents take for granted, a chance to read to their children.

KPL staff make a video recording of mothers reading Robert Munsch's heart-warming tale *Love You Forever*. The resulting DVD, along with a copy of the book, are delivered to children in time for Christmas. The important bond between mother and child is, at least in a small way, maintained through this gesture. Children receiving the recording find comfort in their mother's voice and the personal significance of the story.

Program preparation, which in many cases means brushing up on reading skills and learning to read in front of cameras, takes several weeks. When the big day arrives, a great camaraderie can be witnessed amongst participants as they encourage one another and assist each other in dressing for the part. The gratitude to Kitchener Public Library and program volunteers is overwhelming.

Thanks in part to the generous support of our donors, KPL reaches out to the community beyond our walls. The impact of your gifts is significant - just ask the hundreds of families who have had a brighter holiday because of our partnership with the Grand Valley Institution for Women.