

REPORT

Oakville Public Library Board

Meeting Date: July 18, 2024

FROM: Oakville Public Library

DATE: July 9, 2024

SUBJECT: CEO Update – July 18, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That CEO Update report be received for information.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- CEO, Tara Wong attended the America Library Association annual conference in San Diego from July 28-July 1st.
- On July 1st, OPL and the Town of Oakville jointly hosted a citizenship ceremony at Iroquois Ridge Branch. 30 new Canadians received their citizenship and were warmly welcomed by all attendees.
- The New Central kick-off meeting with Perkins and Will is scheduled for July 10.
- OPL's Summer Reading program is off to a successful start with over 2,300 registrants (as of July 8) since the program launched on June 22, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

N/A

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

Sixteen Mile Construction Project

Construction on the new facility continues with visible changes happening every day. With the construction now in full swing, OPL is concentrating on working to solidify the furniture, collections and shelving for the branch as well as working through the staff requirements as part of the 2025 operating budget process.

New Central Project

The kickoff meeting with Perkins and Will was re-scheduled to July 10, 2024. An update on key discussion items and next steps will be provided to the board at the July 18 board meeting.

American Library Association Annual Conference

The ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition brings together thousands of librarians and library staff, educators, authors, publishers, friends of libraries, trustees, special guests, and exhibitors to the world's largest library event.

On Friday, June 28, Ms. Wong attended a tour of San Diego Libraries hosted by ALA's Architecture for Public Libraries Committee. The tour consisted of 3 libraries (San Diego Central Library, Imperial Beach Library and San Ysidro Branch). Photos and highlights of the tour will be part of the CEO Update PowerPoint presentation.

In addition to the tour and attending various session, time was spent on the exhibition floor talking with current and potential vendors. One vendor that OPL will be exploring future is the [Sustainable Libraries Initiative](#) which an education and certification program to encourage libraries to identify and implement sustainable methods in all areas of its business.

Canada Day Citizenship Ceremony

On July 1st, OPL and the Town of Oakville jointly hosted a citizenship ceremony in partnership with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. 30 new Canadians received their citizenship as part of the ceremony.

OPL hosted an annual citizenship ceremony prior to COVID and is working with the Town to explore jointly supporting an annual event moving forward.

Summer Reading

OPL's most popular summer program is off to a stellar start with over 2.300 residents registering in the first two weeks. This year's theme of "Out of this World" is proving to be very popular, no doubt building on the interest garnered from the solar eclipse in April.

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