

CEO Update

June 20, 2024



Oakville
Public
Library



Sixteen Mile Construction Project

Project Name	North Park
Status	GREEN
Strategic Pillar	Enriching lives and building healthy communities
Budget	On Budget
Completion Date	Q2 2025
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Updates



Parks, Recreation and Library Master Plan

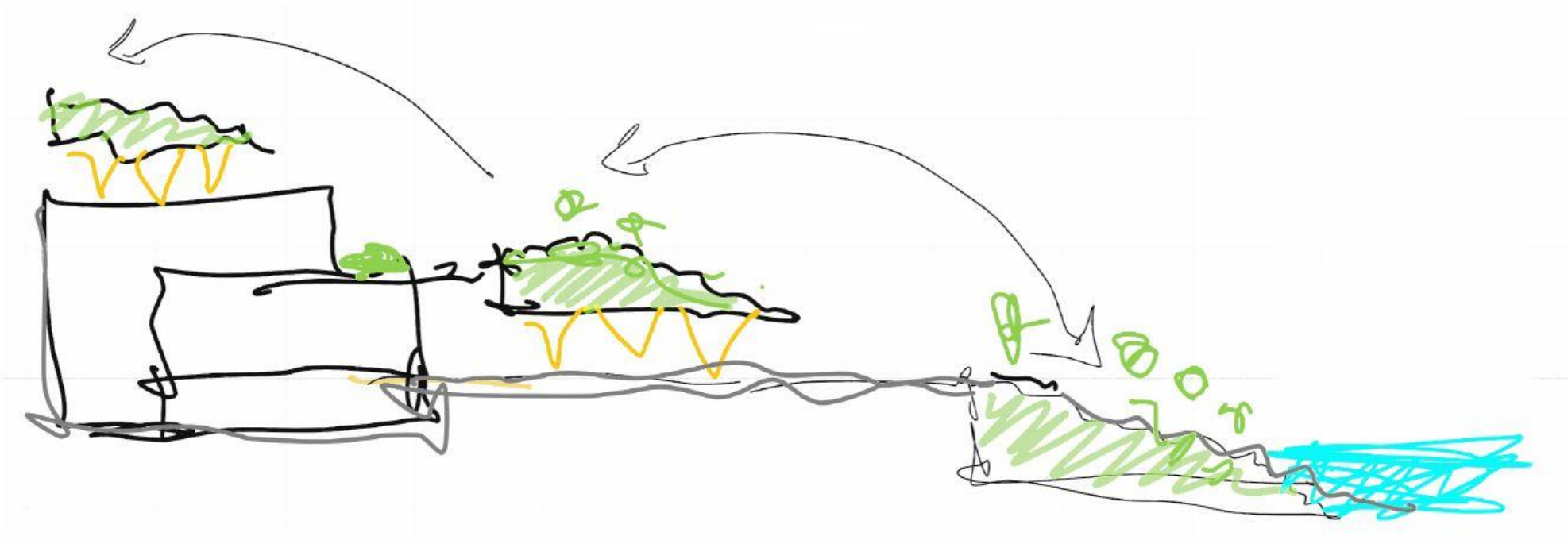
Project Name	Parks, Recreation and Library Master Plan
Status	GREEN
Strategic Pillar	Enriching lives and building healthy communities
Budget	On Budget
Completion Date	Q3 2024
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OPL Board and Council Workshops completed.• Public survey on draft report available from May 28 – June 28. 1200 surveys completed to date.• Draft will be revised based on OPL Board, Council and public feedback and brought to council for approval in the fall.



New Central Design Project

Project Name	New Central Project
Status	GREEN
Strategic Pillar	Enriching lives and building healthy communities
Budget	On Budget
Completion Date	
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top three firms were invited to give presentations to the evaluation team on May 28.• OPL is excited to be working with Perkins and Will on the New Central Design Process.• The project kick-off meeting is scheduled for June 26th.• A project timeline and update will be provided to the OPL Board at the July board meeting.





New Central Library

Town of Oakville



Perkins&Will



Leaders in Library Design

Public Libraries

14

Academic Libraries

5

Awards

30+

Ontario Library Association

- OLA committee members
- OLA jury member for OLA Library Building Awards
- Members of the planning committee for the Annual Institute on the Library as Place
- Completed feasibility studies and master plan documents for several library systems in Ontario

Speaker at

- OLA and ALA Conference
- Annual Institute on the Library as Place
- Designing Libraries Conference





Oak Ridges Library - Richmond Hill PL



Dawes Road Branch – Toronto PL

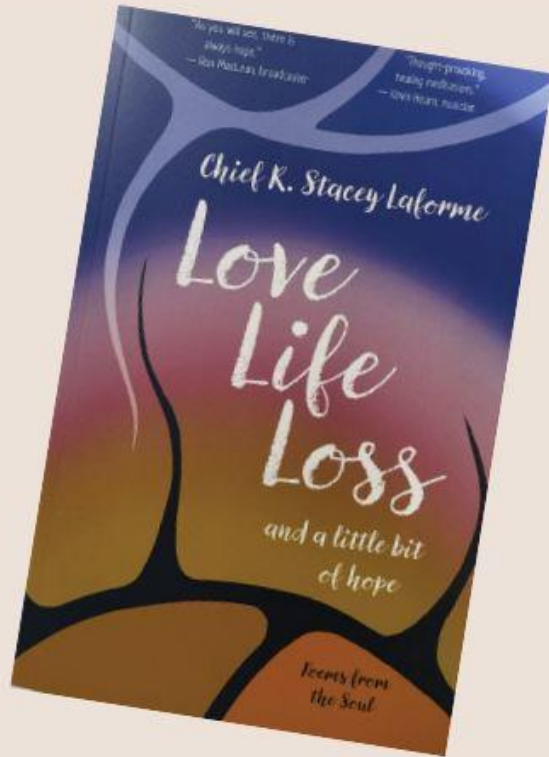


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Newspaper Digitization Project

Project Name	Newspaper Digitization
Status	GREEN
Strategic Pillar	Promoting Digital Discovery
Budget	On Budget
Completion Date	
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OPL is working through a number of legal questions arising from the 1994 agreement and conversations with the current copyright holder TorStar.• Talking with other libraries who are also currently negotiations with TorStar on similar issues.





In honour of National Indigenous Peoples Day, the Oakville Public Library and the Oakville Community Foundation invite you to an evening with former MCFN Chief R. Stacey Laforme.

Join us as we welcome Stacey back to the Library for a special poetry reading from his second book, “Love Life Loss and A Little Bit of Hope”.

Stacey will speak about the Sacred Trust Foundation and its plans to raise consciousness throughout our communities.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to visit the new Debwewin: The Oakville Truth Project Exhibit.

June 27, 2024

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Oakville Public Library,

Glen Abbey Branch – 1415 Third Line

RSVP: marcus.logan@oakville.ca

OPL Seed Library - Recap

- Seed Library ended for the season
- Distributed 18,000+ seeds system-wide
- Promotion will continue throughout the growing season to encourage customers to harvest seeds and donate to the seed library



TD Summer Reading 2024

OFFICIALLY KICK'S OFF THIS WEEKEND – June 22nd

- This year, we're going "Out of this World" and exploring all things space!
- Summer Reading offer programs, activities, and collections that will ensure a summer filled with discovery, wonder, and engagement. With programs for Children, Teens and Adults – the library is the place for the whole family to learn, explore and have fun.
- In celebration we OPL is hosting an [Out of This World Party](#) at Glen Abbey, Central, Woodside and Iroquois Ridge for children and families.
- [An Evening in the Stacks](#) for adults at Central on June 27 from 6:30-8:30pm to share the best summer reads.

2024 Summer Reading Club

**Out of This
World**



Introducing OPL Ambassadors for

Summer 2024

This year, instead of Summer Reading Coordinators, we are excited to introduce 6 OPL Ambassador positions for the summer.

Key Details:

- **Start Date:** Monday, May 13th
- **Role Overview:** OPL Ambassadors will play a crucial role in engaging the community and promoting library services throughout the summer.

As of June 15th:

- Ambassadors have completed the comprehensive OPL onboarding process to be able to speak about all facets of OPL operations.
- OPL Ambassadors have been at 16 events so far including the Mayor's Picnic, School BBQs, PrideFest and the Asian Heritage Festival.
- So far they have signed up 83 individuals for library cards had 1547 interactions, and encouraged over 110 new



BIA Partnerships (Bronte & Downtown)

BRONTE:

- For a 3rd straight year, OPL has partnered with the Bronte BIA to offer our Friendly Finds Book Bike Under the Sails at Bronte Harbour.
- OPL will also be providing the Bronte Community with [Family Storytime](#) and [All Ages Play](#) programming on Thursday mornings
- Additionally, OPL will be piloting a Book Club at the Taste of Columbia from June – December (more to come on this).



DOWNTOWN:

- OPL has partnered with Downtown BIA to provide [Books & Bubbles](#) every Tuesday at 10am at Town Square.
- Customers are encouraged to bring a blanket and enjoy a baby Storytime.
- Afterward, let your little ones chase away their energy with a captivating bubble show.



Pride Month Programming & Events

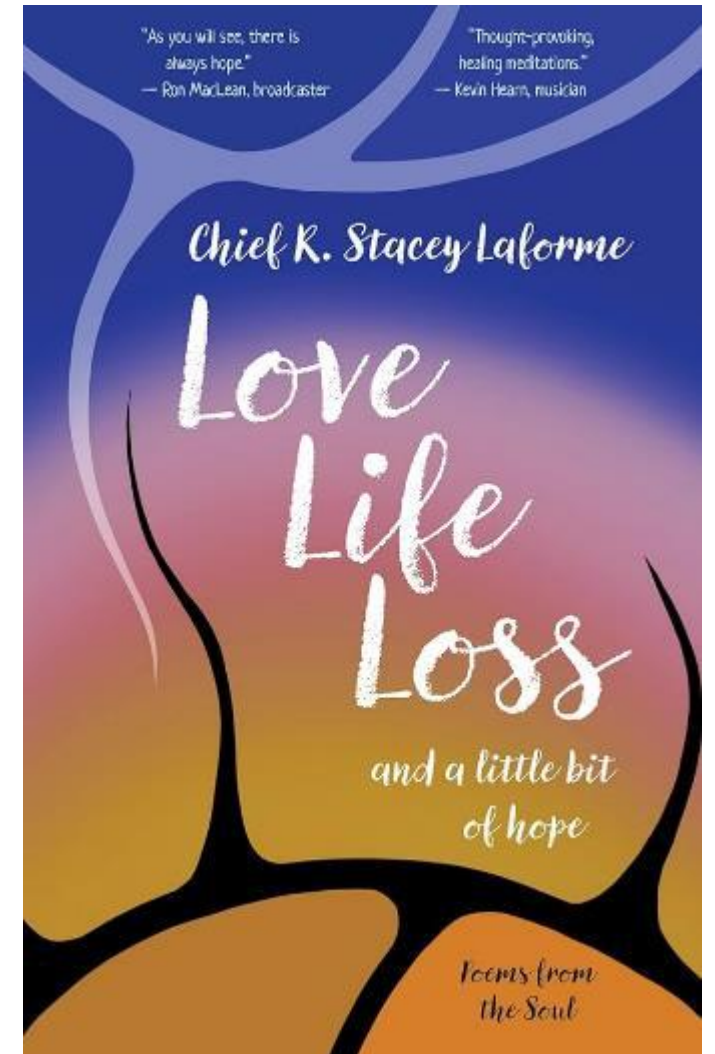
- OPL has partnered with Pflag Halton to offer a monthly youth group, [*Queer Peers*](#), supporting 2SLGBTQ+ at Iroquois Ridge on Tuesday evenings.
- June 18th, Glen Abbey Hosted [*Pride Trivia*](#) In Partnership with Pflag. Hosted on Glen Abbey's patio, this event was sponsored by Starbucks and saw great participation from the community.
- July 14th, Oakville, Burlington, Milton and Halton Hills Public Libraries will (once again) be jointly participating in the second annual Pride Parade in Milton. Board members are invited to join. Reach out for details.
- July 20th, OPL will host Fay and Fluffy at QEPCCC 's Black Box Theatre
 - **10AM** – A fun Storytime experience filled with laughter, catchy tunes, and the chance to dance away your worries! Dive into a carefully curated selection of their favorite books, each one a testament to the joy of reading and the power of embracing differences.
 - **12PM**—Youth Community Conversation. An interactive, age appropriate, and honest conversation; also, a celebration of diversity and acceptance - and you can expect some laughs along the way!

Indigenous Month Programming & Events

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, a time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis. We encourage the community to learn and explore the voices and stories of Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

Program hosted:

- June 17th [Starting Your First Nations, Inuit and Métis Genealogy](#)
 - This session explored resources related to First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nation genealogy, how to access collections in person or online, and how to get advice or assistance.
- June 27th, Former MCFN Chief Stacey R. Laforme poetry reading
 - Former MCFN Chief R. Stacey Laforme will be speaking at the Glen Abbey OPL Branch and reading select poems from his second book, *Love, Life, Loss, and a little bit of hope*
 - 6:00PM; Glen Abbey Branch



Seniors Month Programming & Events

June is Seniors Month in Ontario, a time to recognize the contributions and vibrancy of older adults in our community.

Programs hosted at OPL in June

- [Art for Adults: Recycled Book Art](#)
 - Turn old things into new with this eco crafting program for adults!
- [Magnificent Monarchs in partnership with Town of Oakville's Older Adult Centre](#)
 - Margaret Larson, a monarch butterfly conservationist, will talk about their life cycle and other fun facts as she encourages you to become involved in a variety of ways with this endangered species.
- [Liquid Therapy: Tea for Health & Wellness](#)
 - Learn all about tea, and the positive health & wellness benefits that come from each soothing cup.
- [Virtual Reality: Around the World](#)
 - Participants will get the chance to visit locations using VR while engaging in discussion about the places, travel memories, and the technology.
- [Alzheimer's Society of Hamilton and Halton Dementia Education](#)
 - Learn about Dementia, the warning signs, Healthy Brain Tips and Brain Exercise Activities.
- [Tech Help](#)
 - Occuring several times a week, every week, you will receive assistance with basic questions about your computer, tablet, eReader or iPhone or everyday tasks, such as sending email, downloading eBooks, or managing your files and photos.

