

REPORT

Oakville Public Library Board

Meeting Date: June 20, 2024

FROM: Oakville Public Library

DATE: June 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Youth Library Leaders – June 20, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Youth Library Leaders (YLL) program report and presentation be received for information.

KEY FACTS:

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

- OPL has a Youth Library Leaders program that operates out of 3 branches (Iroquois Ridge, White Oaks and Glen Abbey). Each group meets monthly at their respective branches and is guided by an OPL staff member.
- The program aims at engaging Oakville teens to help promote OPL activities and provide advice around the development of youth programming.
- Members of the White Oaks YLL program will be presenting an overview of their work at the June 20th board meeting.
- Members of the White Oaks YLL will be presenting the YLL program and their work to the OPL Board at the June meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Youth Library Leaders program was introduced at OPL in 2003 as Teen Advisory Groups (TAG) but changed to Youth Library Leaders in 2019. YLL aims to engage youth in Oakville by providing opportunities to connect, share, and develop ideas with other youth, that engage the larger Oakville youth community at OPL. Through monthly meetings, youth members will get together at multiple OPL branches to provide feedback, develop innovative ideas, and volunteer. Each YLL group will focus on the needs of their specific service area but will also work with the other YLL groups to implement system wide initiatives.

The work of the program members includes:

- Helping promote participation in youth library events and activities.
- Attending all Youth Library Leader meetings and be an active participant

- Creating book reviews for inclusion on the library's social media pages
- Working with fellow youth throughout Oakville in a fun learning environment
- Assisting the library to offer creative youth programs in our community.

Through the program teen volunteers gain valuable experience, impact library services and gain needed volunteer hours.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

Members of the White Oaks YLL will be attending the June 20, 2024 Board Meeting to present the YLL program and their work to the OPL Board.

APPENDICES:

N/A

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