

REPORT

Oakville Public Library Board

Meeting Date: September 18, 2024

FROM: Oakville Public Library

DATE: September 9, 2024

SUBJECT: CEO Update – September 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:

- OPL is excited to partner with Stephen Paquette as a local Indigenous Knowledge Guide, supported by the Government of Canada's COVID recovery grant.
- This year's Summer Reading program finished with a record breaking 4075 registrants.
- Public consultation for the New Central Project takes place through various events/programs throughout the month of September into October.

BACKGROUND:

N/A

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

Indigenous Knowledge Guide

OPL is excited to partner with Stephen Paquette as a local Indigenous Knowledge Guide, supported by the Government of Canada's COVID recovery grant. Over the years, Stephen has been recognized by local Indigenous and non-Indigenous community and municipal leaders as a trusted and knowledgeable educator/guide in supporting Truth and Reconciliation work across Halton. Stephen will assist OPL strengthen the foundation of knowledge and systems to be based on Indigenous ways of knowing and being, in three areas: internal staff initiatives and programs, external customer engagement; and in consultation for the New Central Project.

New Central Project

Public Consultation for the New Central Project begins in September. OPL and Perkins&Will will gather information during the events below to help inform the design of the project:

Public Engagement:

- September 11 – Launch of Public Survey
- October 2 – Public Open House @ Central 5-8pm

Targeted Engagement:

- Community Organizations - 3 focus group sessions
- Teens – focus group with OPL’s Youth Library Leader groups
- Children/Families – OPL will be incorporating consultation into 6 different programs for School Age children in Sept/Oct across the system
- Donors – hosting a private donor/prospective donor event
- Indigenous consultation – small group sessions
- Sessions with Town of Oakville Council members
- All Staff workshop as part of the upcoming Staff Development Day on September 20th.

A report highlight key learnings from the public consultation is expect to come to the board at the November 21st meeting.

Summer Reading

OPL’s most popular summer program finished with a record breaking 4075 registrations. This year’s theme of “Out of this World” was extremely popular and filled our branches with stars signed by registrants.

A special shout-out to the team at our 2nd smallest branch Sixteen Mile branch who came in 3 for registered customers.

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Registrations</u>
<u>GA</u>	<u>1290</u>
<u>IR</u>	<u>861</u>
<u>SM</u>	<u>576</u>
<u>WS</u>	<u>434</u>
<u>CE</u>	<u>408</u>
<u>CV</u>	<u>191</u>

<u>WO</u>	<u>180</u>
<u>Teens & Adults on Beanstack</u>	<u>135</u>
<u>System Total</u>	<u>4075</u>

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