

# Budget Committee

November 12, 2024



Oakville  
Public  
Library



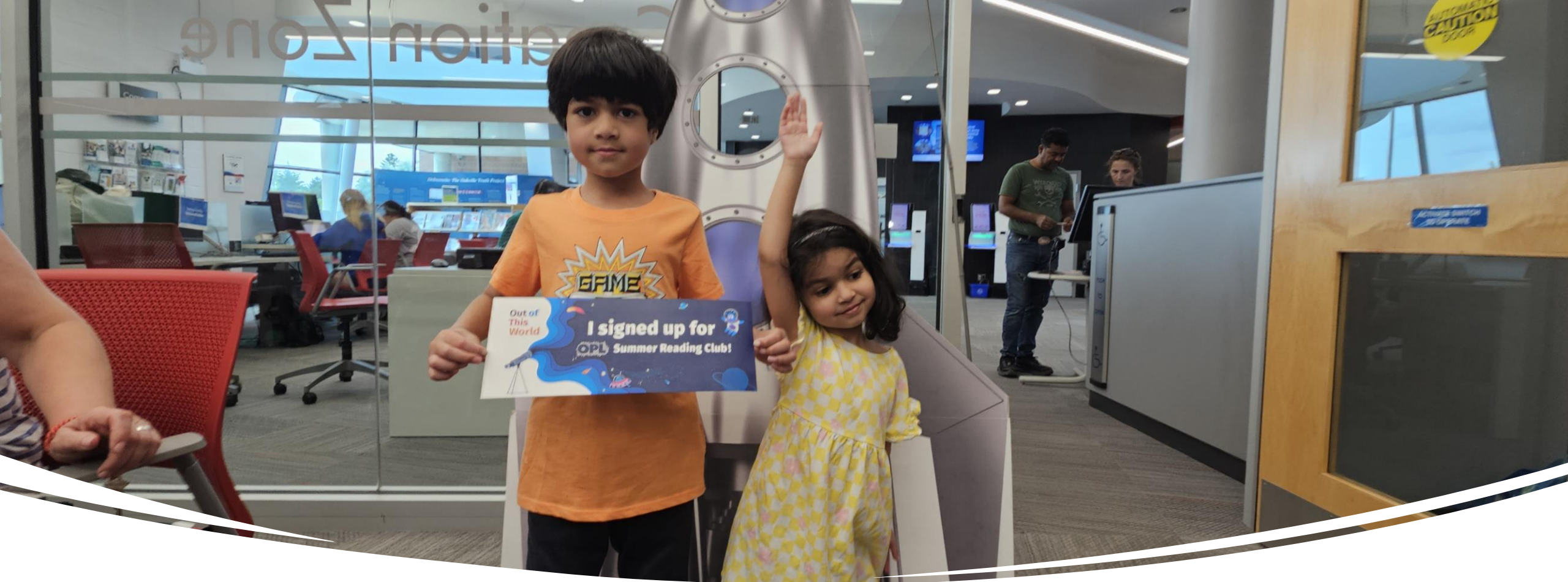
“The Library is a world of books and knowledge for my 5-year-old son and I. We love coming here and taking books out. The more, the better. Thank you for your service.”



# Sixteen Mile

- Creation Zone
- Tinker Lab
- Audio Video Cove
- Children's Area
- Outdoor Children's Garden
- Work/Study Spaces
- Reading/Lounge Areas
- Quiet Study
- Printing and Computer Access





“The programs, creation room, the wide range of books & the child-friendly environment all help build a stronger sense of community in Oakville ♥”

“There are not enough workshops and activities for elementary school-aged kids”

“Difficult to get spots on events, limited options for families with school age children, more tech and robotics”

“With the advancement of technology libraries are not use to their full potential use the facilities to offer additional programming for teens and older adults”

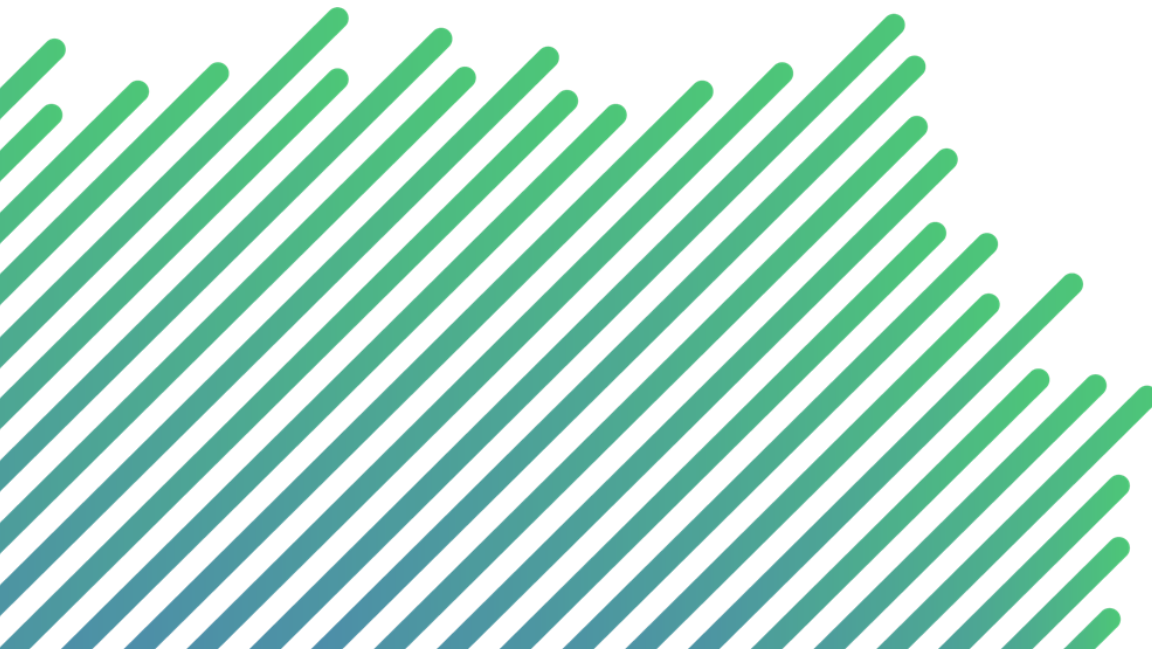
Cambridge Public Library “offers access to craft and woodwork machines at the library - e.g. sewing machines, cutting machines, etc. - with support staff to monitor. This is such a beautiful idea and a great way to promote more interaction and use at the library.”

# Budget Summary

Base Budget		2025 Proposed Budget	
Inflation		\$346,300	
Department Adjustments		\$92,200	
		\$439,200	3.61%
Growth Budget			
Sixteen Mile		\$231,600	
		\$231,600	1.89%
<b>Total Budget Increase</b>		<b>\$670,800</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

- ▶ OPL was provided with direction to prepare its budget submission to the town based on an overall increase not to exceed 5.5% inclusive of growth-related impacts.
- ▶ OPL is expecting to open then permanent Sixteen Mile branch in September 2025. This branch at 17,000+ sq. ft. will be OPL’s second largest facility.

That the Board recommend Council provides an additional \$310,400 to the 2025 Operating Budget to fully fund the operating costs at the new Sixteen Mile branch.



**55%**  
Households w/a  
library card

**+ 15%**  
Active  
Cardholders



“ OPL is my portal to many worlds ”





## Oakville Public Library needs an additional \$310,400 to:

- Close the gap on operating hours (go from 47 to 66 hours per week)
- Staff a facility increasing from 5,000 to 17,000+ sq. ft. and becoming OPL second largest branch
- Fill an identified gap in youth learning by opening three stem/creative spaces.

“Thank you  
(OPL) for  
being our  
happy  
place!”



- TV Series
- Daniel
  - Diana
  - Mia
  - Elia
  - Alice
  - A2 Ashley
  - VEDANT M
  - Leena Yun
  - Olivia
  - Melika
  - Andrew