

CEO Update

March 20, 2025



Oakville
Public
Library



Sixteen Mile Construction Project

Status	YELLOW
Strategic Pillar	Enriching lives and building healthy communities
Budget	On Budget
Completion Date	Q4 2025
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Major construction of the Sixteen Mile Community Centre and Library is scheduled to be completed by November 2025, with staff moving in and preparing the building for opening to the public in February 2026.



New Central Project

Status	YELLOW
Strategic Pillar	Enriching lives and building healthy communities
Budget	On Budget
Completion Date	2028
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waiting on structural report before resume concept design – now estimated to be complete mid-April.• Continuing to work with Conservation Halton to understand the stable top of bank requirements.



Newspaper Digitization Project

Status	GREEN
Strategic Pillar	Promoting Digital Discovery
Budget	On Budget
Completion Date	
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kick-off meeting with the vendor late-February to review and finalize the project plan completed• The vendor visited Woodside on March 3rd for an assessment of material transportation.• Material transportation to the digitization facility was completed on March 17.• Material will be assessed and then digitization will begin



Trafalgar Urban Core South Branch

Status	GREEN
Strategic Pillar	Enriching lives and building healthy communities
Budget	On Budget
Completion Date	2028/29
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal and Branthaven continue to finalize the purchase agreement

OPL Seed Library Launch

- OPL's Seed Library launched at all 7 branches on March 3rd.
- Seed-themed programs will be offered throughout the month to promote the launch including storytimes, Creation Zone projects, a virtual author visit from Smithsonian Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming and a session with Oakville Green.



March Break: Slime Science

The March Break Slime Science program at White Oaks was a resounding success, drawing 60+ participants and reinforcing the library as a hub for hands-on learning.

With three interactive stations, participants learned about the science behind the ingredients, color theory, and molecular activation before watching their slime take shape. A sense of joy and wonder filled the room when participants were encouraged to throw away the stir stick and stir with their hands, as a truly immersive experience!

Thanks to our “Slime Scientists, YLL volunteers and branch staff, the program ran smoothly, ensuring quality interactions, without rushed experiences.

Participants noted it was their first visit to White Oaks and how impressed they were by the space. OPL library cards were renewed and created, and Welcome Baby kits offered to our youngest visitors.



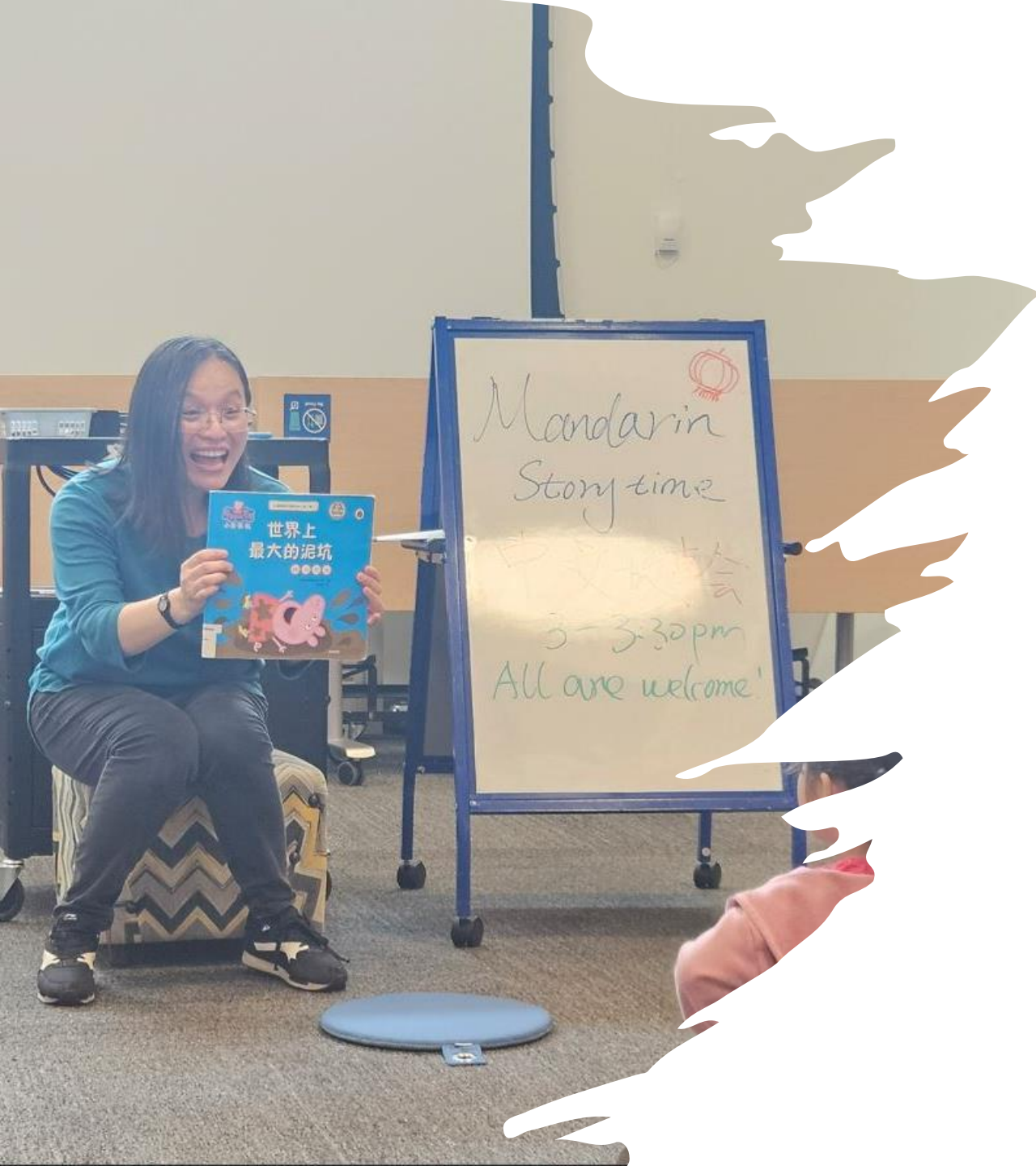
March Break: Mandarin Storytime

The Mandarin Storytime program continues to grow as a successful early literacy program that fosters inclusion, belonging and community engagement.

On Sat. March 8th, Woodside welcomed six families, totaling 20 participants, including two non-Mandarin-speaking families.

To ensure accessibility, the session was conducted in both Mandarin and English. Notably, a returning family from Milton reaffirmed the program's appeal beyond our community. We received positive feedback from attendees requesting an expansion of Mandarin Storytime offerings, highlighting its demand and importance.

In response to this community demand, the Mandarin Storytime will be offered twice a month at Woodside starting on Saturday, March 22nd as Woodside is fortunate to have two staff members who speak Mandarin; both are excited and enthusiastic about the expansion of this program.



Artist Talk with Kelly McCray

Kelly McCray is the artist behind the striking installation currently on display at Central Branch. In this talk, he will share the story behind the tower - from its early inception to its current banned book theme and beyond.

The event will take place at Central Branch in the Rotunda on Wednesday, April 9 from 6pm to 7pm.

