

Chief Executive Officer Report March 29, 2018

3D Printer Donation by Intel: The staff is excited to have a 3D printer at the library. Thank you to Martin and Intel. The press will be invited to a recognition event.

Battle of the Books: We currently have 3 schools registered in Durham North: Uxbridge Public School, Joseph Gould Public School and R.H Cornish.

The Battle dates are:

Apr. 10, 2018 at 12:30PM: Junior SemiFinals (Scugog Public Library)

Apr. 12, 2018 at 12:30PM: Senior SemiFinals (Scugog Public Library)

Apr. 17, 2018 at 12:30PM: Jr/Sr Finals (Uxbridge – Council Chambers)

Apr. 19, 2018 at 6:30PM: Jr Regional Finals

Apr. 19, 2018 at 8:00PM: Sr Regional Finals

Question: In which book did a spider save a pig's life?

The answer is Charlotte's Web by E. B. White, of course, and that's one example of a question that might appear in Durham Region's Battle of the Books. Do YOU have what it takes to help lead your team to book battle glory?

The Battle of the Books is a fabulous partnership between public libraries and schools in Durham Region. If you want to motivate and challenge students who enjoy reading, form a team and compete against some of the fiercest reading warriors in town.

Every April, the Battle of the Books teams from each school meet for the Semi-Battle competition. The top three teams from each division go on to the Final Battle to compete for gold, silver and bronze medals. The gold medal winners are awarded a trophy for their school and go on to compete in the Regional Championship.

The Battle of the Books is hosted at two levels: the Junior division is for students in grades 4 to 6 and the Senior division is for students in grades 7 and 8.

So read, sharpen your wits, arm yourself with knowledge and, above all else, have fun!

Please contact the participating library in your community for more information.

Generously sponsored by TD Bank.

Staff Meeting: There will be a staff meeting on Wednesday, April 4.

Meeting with CAO: I will be meeting with the CAO on Wednesday, April 4.

Lego Robotics: Corrinne and I are running Lego Robotics for Grade 2s for 10 Thursdays starting April 5 to June 7. We have two very enthusiastic high school students helping with the program.

<p>Pat Neal: Pat is the new Manager/Curator of the Uxbridge Historical Centre. Corrinne and I will be meeting with Pat on Thursday to discuss continuing our partnerships and for her so see our genealogy/local history collection.</p>
<p>How-to in 10: I am working recruiting vendors for the How-to in10 in Uxbridge. It will take place on June 2 between 11am and 3pm. If you know of someone with a skill that can be learned in 10 minutes, please let me know. Visit: https://howtoin10.com/ for a list of vendors.</p>
<p>New Horizons Grant for Seniors -Ian is enthusiastically working on the project. He has pop-ups set up at Butternut Manor, Trinity Manor, Douglas Crossing (Main Floor and Memory Care), Seniors Centre, and the Library. He will be doing a session in Zephyr.</p>
<p>Accessibility: An accessible washroom door will installed April 11 on the Lower Floor.</p>
<p>Scheduling: I am working on the scheduling. I have hired 4 new staff members. They started March 20. Leslie, Cathy and Kerri are training them. They are enthusiastic and willing to learn. Their current learning schedule, if you would like to meet them, is Maureen (Tuesdays, 9-5), Stana (Wednesdays, 9-1), Kimberly (Thursdays, 9-5) and Karen (Fridays 9-1).</p>
<p>New Computers: Four new computers have been installed at the circulation desks. All configured the same. Staff computers will now be updated with the same software – Office 2016, Bookware, etc.</p>
<p>Access Points: Three new access points have been installed. A new modem has been installed in Zephyr.</p>
<p>Young Canada Works: The Library's application was successful in achieving a YCW grant for the Summer Reading Program Coordinator position</p>
<p>Canada Children's Book Week: I have applied for a Canada Children's Book Week author.</p>
<p>Troubleshoot Technology Problems: I continue to troubleshoot computer problems when called upon.</p>
<p>Friends of the Library and Lions Club: The Friends of the Library and Lions Club members have started delivering library materials to residents of Douglas Crossing. Corrinne is working with other Friends to start shelf reading our collection.</p>
<p>Staff Morale: I continue to monitor staff morale. There is an Escape Room exercise on</p>

Wednesday, April 11.

Purchasing: I continue to purchase items for the library (eg., Walmart, Coles) during my personal time.

Ordering: I continue to order only items that are currently being requested through LSC, Jack the Bookman, BBC Shop, Scholastic, and Overdrive. The Fall Best Seller and Solid Sellers have been ordered.

eNewsletter: I continue to send out the eNewsletter once Kerri has created the hard copy. I also send out the posters that have been created for the various programs.

Websites: I continue to update the library and museum websites.

Senior Staff Meetings: I continue to attend the Senior Staff meetings at the Township.

Circulation Desk: I continue to work on the Circulation Desks as needed. This involves interacting with library users and ensuring their needs are met.

Community: I continue to be recognized by Library users outside of the Library. I am recognized by staff at various stores throughout the Township who do not use the library: Wimpy's, Walmart, Vincos, Pet Valu, Boston Pizza, Williamson's, Staples, Port Perry Optical, etc.

Partnerships: As per the Strategic Plan we will be increasing our partnerships over the next few years: BIA is our newest partnership. Current partnerships include: Durham Youth Debate, Blue Heron, Durham Libraries (How to in 10, Battle of the Books, White Pine Battle, Forest of Reading, etc.)