2013 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Welcomed a new Chief Executive Officer and a new Manager of Technology and Operations Support

2. Implemented “BiblioCore”, an interactive library catalogue that provides an enhanced user experience

3. Installed a library materials drop box at the Aurora Go Station

4. Congratulated myAPL video contestants at a screening and awards ceremony

5. Held APL’s first documentary film festival

6. Created a video at Doors Open 2013 for the Town’s sesquicentennial time capsule

7. Mounted five new art exhibits in the Colleen Abbott Gallery

8. Hosted three exciting author events for children and teens at the 2013 Lifelong Reading Festival

9. Completed digitization of the Aurora Banner microfilm up to 1992

10. Introduced drop-in “maker” programs for children

IN APPRECIATION

Every day we impact our community by helping people connect to each other and to a world of ideas and information. We very much appreciate the generous contributions that enhance the Library’s ability to meet the educational, recreational and lifelong learning needs in our community:

- Town of Aurora Council
- Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- Aurora Film Circuit
- Optimist Club of Aurora Inc.
- Personal donations from generous supporters

WE ALSO THANK THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS who volunteer in our Visiting Library Service Program and the Secondary School Community Service Program for the generous support, dedication and personal time they contribute to the Library.

AND FINALLY, A TREMENDOUS THANK YOU TO ALL LIBRARY STAFF for your commitment, dedication and welcoming presence in providing excellence in library service for the residents of Aurora. You provide the personal touch in an increasingly technological world.

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MATT MADDOCKS
APL Board Chair

YOUR STORIES YOUR LIBRARY

“This is such an amazing library. It has such an energy to it. The staff are so friendly. Love it.”

Incorporating a gallery into the library is fantastic. Art galleries have always been for me places for inspiration and solace. And they must be free to the public – as the library is!”

QUICK FACTS

Where the money comes from...

Town of Aurora 95.77%
Grants & Donations 2.66%
Own-Source 1.57%

Where the money goes...

Staffing 4.47%
Collections & Processing 9.04%
Supplies & Operational 13.02%
Investment in Reserves & Capital Assets 73.47%

QUICK FACTS

654,033 Library materials borrowed
220,721 Website visits
17,206 New items added to APL collection
303,004 Visits in-person
34,187 Streaming and downloads
86,632 In-library use of print materials
13,424 People attended 764 programs
17,630 Wireless connections
34,664 Public computer usage

2013 LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

The Library Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month September through June at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. Agendas and Minutes are posted on the library website and the full monthly package is available at the Adult Information Desk.

Back Row: Matt Maddocks (Chair), Councillor Michael Thompson, Gregory Cook, Charles Levine, Rino Roncadin

Front Row: Elaine Copsey, Councillor Sandra Humfries, Jill Foster (CEO), Marie Rankel (Vice-Chair)

Absent: Councillor Paul Pirri

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