



## **LIBRARY SERVICES**

**APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**SUBJECT:** Library Operations

### **BACKGROUND:**

This report serves to update Council on the activities and operations performed by Library Services.

### **Programming**

1. The month of March saw a total of 149 programs across our fifteen (15) branches, with a total of 1609 attendees. This month's highlights included:
  - a. March Break Makers: Participants were invited to explore the Maker mindset using sublimation resources to create vibrant, long-lasting bookmarks. A session was held at each of our fifteen branch locations over the span of March break. A total of 197 people participated in this March Break Makers program. The sublimation printer is available for patron use by appointment at the MakerLab. Those interested in learning more about the MakerLab should anticipate big things for May-ker Month!
  - b. Crysler Branch hosted a March Break Reading Challenge featuring the beloved works of author Robert Munsch. Program prizes were sponsored by *The Friends of the Crysler Library*. Over 70 children participated in scavenger hunts and reading challenges to encourage literacy development.
  - c. Ingleside Branch welcomed OSPCA professionals for a lively AnimalSmart™ program, wherein 19 children and their caregivers explored kindness and care for animals. The engaging sessions, led by experts, made learning fun complete with interactive activities and creative crafts.

### **Community Outreach**

2. Maxville Branch continues to work in coordination with the Maxville Manor to provide reading materials to residents. Branch staff assist in organizing delivery of requested reading materials, a monthly book club kit, and have recently started ordering accessible materials as well.
3. Branch staff in Alexandria hosted a library information session for volunteers with *Lire et faire lire*. The intergenerational reading program offered at French schools in our community look forward to partnering with SDG Library to offer exciting French language materials to children and develop literacy in our communities.
4. Library staff participated in a community book sale fundraiser held in Iroquois in support of local charities. Staff used this as an opportunity to trial new pop-up equipment and set up, in preparation for the summer season, along with promoting library services.

### **Branch Renovations and Improvements**



5. An LED floodlight was installed at the Ingleside Branch to enhance walkway visibility, improving safety and accessibility for visitors and staff.

#### **Technical Services**

5. During the month of March:
  - a. 632 print and audio-visual items were processed along with 42 magazines and 10 newspapers;
  - b. 97 interlibrary loan items were received, and 167 items were shipped to other libraries;
  - c. 27 Book Club kits were distributed to branches;
  - d. 21 books were repaired, and 42 discs were cleaned in-house; and
  - e. 192 new patron registrations, including 26 online registrations.

#### **Communications and Marketing**

6. The SDG Library website had 6.6k unique website users in the month of March, who visited over 110k SDG Library website pages.
7. Twenty-six (26) Facebook posts were made in the month of March, which reached 5.9k people.
8. Twenty-five (25) Instagram posts were made in the month of March, which reached 474 people.

#### **Staffing**

9. Two (2) Summer Reading Club and Outreach Facilitators have been hired in anticipation of this summer's reading club program: Kisha Nadarasan and Quinn Blaine. They are slated to start May 5, 2025.