

Board Community Report 2018

How Libraries Transform Every Single Week



In-Person Visits
10,506



Technology Assistance
480



Website Visits
6,534



Preschool Program Attendees
185



Program Attendees
480



Physical Items Borrowed
19,088



Public Workstation Use
4,512



Digital Items Borrowed
4,210

The library has kept pace with modernity by offering all sorts of services beyond simply books.

I love the online experience. I preorder all my books that way.

(I loved) the opportunity for my pre-school child to experience storytelling, learning and direction from an adult outside of the family in a fun and safe environment.

Thank you SO VERY MUCH for providing such an exceptional and outstanding library in our community.

Library Client

2017 – 2018 Highlights

- The Petticoat Creek Library became the George Ashe Library in honour of the first mayor.
- Seniors Programming has grown encompassing a weekly Seniors Social and a month of exciting programs in June for Seniors Month.
- The Library won a 2017 Safest Employers Award for its work with Psychological Health and Safety.
- The Library has added a wealth of online resources for use 24/7 – these include video and music streaming services (Kanopy and Hoopla) as well as learning resources such as STEM Village.
- The Library opened an exciting new Maker Space which was well received by the community and generated lots of media attention when it was discovered that the winner of the Microsoft Cup, got his initial concepts at the Library!
- The Library has been holding regular Storytime programs at the Pickering Town Centre. These well-attended programs introduce many non-library users to our services.
- The Library began discussions on the creation of a new multipurpose cultural facility that accommodates museum, community, and library/archive uses.

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Your Pickering Public Library Board



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Message From the Board Chair

For several years, the Library Board has informed the community that the expansion of the Central Library is overdue. In 2018, the Library was pleased to have funds for a Central Library included in the most recent Development Charges Study and were excited by the vision of a brand new Central Library included in the City Centre.

As the Board has said repeatedly, this will not be simply a bigger library, it will be a different type of library – a Library for the Next Generation. The next generation reads, thinks, and learns differently, so a library that will meet their needs must be different. A library that: lends more than books; facilitates individual and group productivity through services such as Maker Spaces; supports the development of 21st century competencies; and provides inspiring public space that brings residents of all backgrounds together.

That said, I want to assure my fellow boomers, that while our new Library will meet the needs of the Next Generation, it will ALSO meet the needs of boomers – those who value libraries primarily for its excellent collections and quiet spaces. I look forward to seeing what the next chapter of the Pickering Public Library Story will reveal.

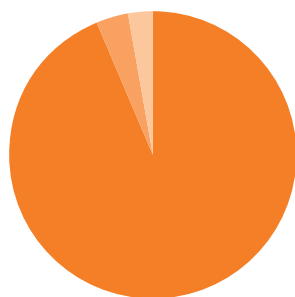


Sincerely,

John Sabean

Pickering Library Board Chair

2017 Revenue



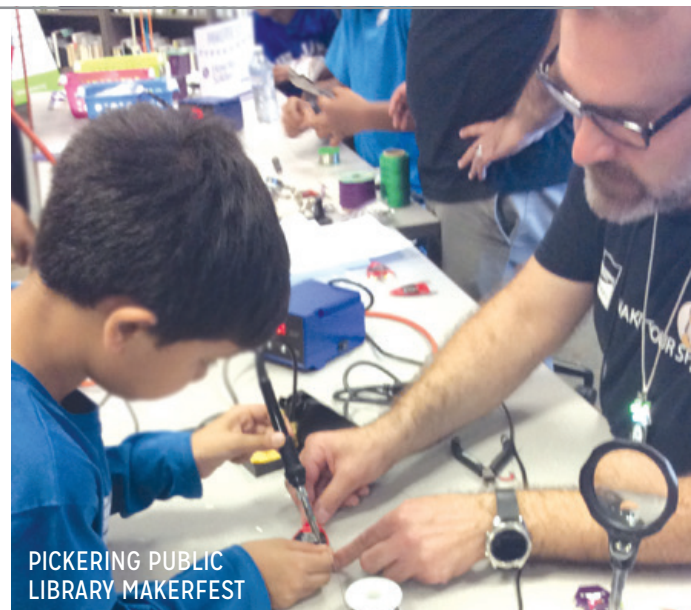
Fees & Other Receipts **\$172,500**

Provincial Support **\$213,083**

Municipal Support **\$5,855,893**

Total \$6,241,476

From the audited Financial Statements of the City of Pickering Public Library Board, December 31, 2017.



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