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Fall 2010 Newsletter

The library is a temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history.

--Carl T. Roman

15th Anniversary for the C. Gordon King Centre



September 2010 marks 15 years for the C. Gordon King Centre. In celebration, we will be holding an Open House on Saturday, September 18th, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to showcase the programs, collections, and resources that are available to the public in both the Library and the Archives.

Amazing things have happened here since the move from our Chapel Street location in 1995. Here are some of the accomplishments of the Cobourg Public Library in the last 15 years:

- Open 55 hours / 7 days per week
- 60,000 books ; 4,000 DVDs and videos ; 1300 talking books
- 1,400 music CDs
- 200 video games
- Graphic novels for all ages
- 3 Genealogy Research computers
- Digital microfilm reader/printer
- Accessibility computer
- 3 Children's computers
- 13 public Internet access stations
- Online databases – including an index to the local newspapers and our archival photos and files
- Free wireless access
- Over 450 programs held annually with an attendance of 7500

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What's Happening

SEPTEMBER

11th Bewdley Library Grand Opening in the Bewdley Community Centre

12th Sunday hours resume at Cobourg location.

13th Registration begins for fall children's programs

15th CPL Board meeting. 7:30 p.m.

18th Open House and 15th anniversary of the C. Gordon King Centre 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Dedication ceremony for Syd Hinman, Bob MacCoubrey and Jeff Rolph 2:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

2nd Vintage film festival

16th - 24th Ontario Public Library Week Celebrations

17th Schoolhouse Songs Children's performance at 2:00 p.m.

23rd Annual Book Sale 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Cobourg Cougars** will be on hand to help with the booksale and children's storytime.

18th - 25th Municipal Election Week. Library staff will be assisting the public with electronic voting.

20th CPL Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

17th CPL Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

21st Meet and greet with Santa Claus after the Santa Claus Parade.

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Monday Musical Movie Matinee (The 4M Club)

Free Monday films at the Cobourg Public Library at 2:00 p.m. in the Rotary Room.

After two years of Monday Musical Movie Matinees at CPL, volunteer Chris Worsnap is organizing the 2010-2011 season a little differently. Following warm-up musicals on Sept 13 & 20, the new season will feature Hollywood musicals from the 1920s to the present day in chronological order.

Episodes from a series of documentaries called Hollywood Singing and Dancing will lead off each decade. Examples of films from the era will follow.

The full program (subject to change) is available at www.cobourg.library.on.ca. Admission to the screenings is free; a contribution to the Loonie Jar is appreciated to help defray the costs of refreshments and DVD purchases.

SCHEDULE:

Sept. 13 – State Fair
Sept. 20 – The Benny Goodman Story
Sept. 27 – Hollywood Singing and Dancing, the 1920s
Oct. 4 – The Broadway Melody
Oct. 18 – The Cocoanuts
Oct. 25 – Hollywood Singing and Dancing, the 1930s
Nov. 1 – The Merry Widow
Nov. 8 – Rose Marie
Nov. 15 – The Wizard of Oz
Nov. 22 – Hollywood Singing and Dancing, the 1940s
Nov. 29 – Pinocchio
Dec. 6 – The Pirate
Dec. 13 – The Barkleys of Broadway

Letter from the CEO

As I review the impressive list of the Library's accomplishments over the last 15 years I am mindful of the many people who helped us reach those goals. On September 18 we will be honouring three special people, Syd Hinman, Bob MacCoubrey and Jeff Rolph, who, through their fundraising and advocacy efforts, helped make the C. Gordon King Centre a reality. There are literally hundreds of other staff, trustees, Foundation and service club members, volunteers, donors, Council members and town and township employees, who have made and continue to make a tremendous contribution to this Library.

As far as we have come, there are still many challenges ahead. Keeping up with emerging technologies in order to narrow the divide between rich and poor is an important role of public libraries and one which requires significant resources. Providing equitable access to resources and facilities to those with disabilities is another goal for which we strive.

After 15 years, certain aspects of the Library's physical facilities require replacement or refreshment.

This year, the Library was fortunate to be the beneficiary of a bequest from the estate of Phyllis Field MacLaren. A portion of those funds has been designated for the purchase of large print and talking books and specialized equipment to assist those with disabilities. We are grateful to Mrs. MacLaren and all those who have given of their time and financial resources to help the library make this community a better place to live, work and raise a family.

Our future challenges can be met with the same spirit shown by the community leaders who banded together almost 20 years ago to raise the funds for the C. Gordon King Centre. I hope that you will join with us in celebrating our accomplishments at our Open House on September 18 and that you will work with us to make the future of the Library even brighter.

— Charmaine Lindsay, CEO

Helping those with Special Needs

In partnership with Community Living West Northumberland, the Library has created a very special book club designed to enrich the lives of those with intellectual challenges.

Every Monday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. a dedicated group gathers at the Library to hear staff or special guests read from a pre-selected work of children's literature. Children's literature is selected as the language, themes and story lengths are generally more suited to the participants' needs and interests. Discussion is encouraged at the conclusion of each chapter or whenever a natural break in the storyline occurs. This rewarding book club runs from September to June and is always open to new

members and guest readers.

On Monday, September 13th, local author, Ted Staunton, will kick-start the year by reading from one of his highly entertaining "Morgan" books. Stop by to listen, and laugh, and take a moment away from the busy world.

If you want to know more about The Book Club, and how to participate, please contact the Cobourg Public Library at 905-372-9271 ext. 6130.



Bryan Marjoram shows the Olympic Torch to Sharon Robson of the Book Club.

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There has been a Library in Cobourg since before 1836. The term “public library” was first used in 1895 when the operation of the Mechanics Institute came under the Public Libraries Act.

The Library became a fully tax-supported public library with a municipally-appointed board in 1958. The Board hired its first fully qualified professional librarian, Mr. Graham Barnett, in 1959.

The Library was located at 90 King Street West from 1889 to 1964 and then moved to 18 Chapel Street.

The 1980s saw the addition of Large Print and Talking Book collections. Newspapers and local history documents were microfilmed and indexed. The Library began to automate its catalogue of holdings.

The campaign for a new Library in Cobourg began in 1986. The

Cobourg & District Library Foundation was formed in 1991 to begin fundraising. The C. Gordon King Centre became reality in 1995. This facility offered an open floor plan, wonderful natural light, a parking lot, and best of all – room to grow.



C. Gordon King

Without the work of the Foundation, this centre may have never been a reality. We will be paying tribute to three of these Foundation members who have since passed away at our Open House on September 18th. Be sure to join us that day between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Staff, Board members and volunteers will be on hand to showcase the programs, collections, and resources that are available to the public in both the Library and the Archives.

This is your chance to discover all the C. Gordon King Centre has to offer. And, as Col. King said in his speech for the Centre’s official opening, “Diu Floreat” – Long may it flourish.

— Heather Viscount,
Manager of Access Services

ServiceOntario

You may already be familiar with the ServiceOntario counters where you can renew your driver’s license or health card. But did you know that the province of Ontario provides a large number of services over the Internet?

The Cobourg and Bewdley locations of the Library have recently been chosen by the province to provide access to Ontario’s two main online sources of government information.

The ServiceOntario website

provides information and forms to the general public for birth, marriage and death registration, vehicle license plate renewals, park campsite reservations, Outdoors card renewals, information on adoption and a host of other services. The Services to Business site provides government information for business owners and those thinking of starting a business. Library staff have received specialized training to assist you with these websites to find the government information and online forms that you require. The Library’s partnership with

Mysteries and More

Classic crime and drama

Free Friday films at the Cobourg Public Library at 2 p.m. in the Rotary Room.

Mysteries and More, the crime and drama series at the Cobourg Public Library is the perfect way to cap off the week. Running most Friday afternoons during the fall, winter and spring, Mysteries and More features classic films on a large screen with the bonus of dessert, coffee or tea before the films.

For the series, we try to find films that aren’t easily accessible in our area. And many of our films are suggested by the film fans who join us.

This fall, we have a strong line-up with a literary theme. Almost all our September and October films are based on books, including *The Man Who Never Was*. This year, British author Ben MacIntyre released his account of *Operation Mincemeat*, and it’s a popular seller. So, it’s time to see the movie again or for the first time!

Here is sample of what we have in store:

- Sept. 24: *The Man Who Never Was* – 1956.
- Oct. 1: *Rebecca* - 1940.
- Oct. 8: *Jane Eyre* - 1944.
- Oct. 15: *The Killers* - 1946.
- Oct. 29: *The Secret of Santa Vittoria* - 1969.

Coming up: *Irma La Douce*, *Hitchcock’s Suspicion* and *Lifeboat*, and more in November and December.

ServiceOntario is not designed to take the place of the in-person service centres that provide updated drivers’ licenses or health cards. For certain transactions that cannot be done online you will still have to visit those counters in person. However, Library staff will be pleased to help you with any of the province’s online services that you require.

New Library Board Members Needed

The Cobourg Public Library is governed by a board of community members called trustees. Under the terms of the provincial Public Libraries Act, library boards are appointed every four years by the newly-elected town council. Community members can apply to the Clerk of the Town of Cobourg to serve on the Cobourg Public Library Board.



Library trustees play an important role in establishing the library as an essential community service. They build community pride in the Library and advocate for it with municipal councils. While library trustees play a governance and advocacy role in Library affairs, they do not take an active role in the everyday operations of the Library, delegating that role to the CEO.

This means that the interests of the Library take precedence over personal interests or those of any group with which the trustee is associated. Libraries in Ontario support statements by the Ontario Library Association and the Canadian Library Association on Intellectual Freedom which promote the provision of as wide a variety of opinion in collections as possible. Library trustees protect the right of community members to make their own decisions about the resources we provide.

What Does the Library Board Do?

One of the key roles of the Library Board is to set the vision, mission and strategic direction for the Library. Drawn from the community, the Board helps the Cobourg Public Library play a vital role in the life of Cobourg and Hamilton Township.

The Library Board makes policy within the framework of government legislation and regulations. It oversees the library's finances and monitors the effectiveness of the Library in meeting community needs. It sets fees where allowed by the Public Libraries Act and hires and evaluates a Chief Executive Officer to implement the strategic plan and to manage the day-to-day delivery of public service and the operations of the Library.

Who can apply to be a Library trustee?

The Public Libraries Act stipulates that Library Board Members should be Canadian citizens, at least 18 years old, a resident of the Town of Cobourg or Hamilton Township and not employed by the Library Board or the Municipality.

What are the qualities of an effective trustee?

The Cobourg Public Library is looking for community members with knowledge and experience in marketing, finance and accounting. The Board would also benefit from Trustees with experience in fundraising and expertise in computer systems.

A Library Board a trustee must act honestly, and in good faith, and in the best interests of the Library.

What is the time commitment for Library trustees?

The Library Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month in the Rotary Room of the Library at 7:30 p.m. The time commitment includes preparation time to read and consider reports in addition to the meeting time of two to three hours. Participation in ad hoc committees of the Board to deal with specific issues could add more time to the above commitment.

Want more information?

If you are interested in serving on the Cobourg Public Library Board you can contact the Library's Board Chair, Patricia Fenner at 905 377-8049. For information on the application process, please contact Lorraine Brace, Clerk for the Town of Cobourg at 905 372-4301.

Can You Help?

Our Library depends on the financial support of people like you in order to continue offering our services to the community. Please donate now.

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