



BUILDING MARKHAM'S FUTURE TOGETHER
2020 – 2023 Strategic Plan



Markham Public Library Board Annual Presentation 2023

General Committee
Monday, April 11, 2023





Markham Public Library 2019-2022 Board Highlights

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Markham Public Library Board



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Agenda

Role of the Library Board

Alignment

Achievements

Looking Ahead

Role of the Library Board

- The Library Board is a **statutory board**, created by the Municipality, pursuant to the Public Libraries Act.
- Board members are appointed for a **4-year term** concurrent with the Council's term of office.
- Our role is to govern the affairs of the Library, provide **oversight and accountability**, and advance the Library's mission and impact.
- The Board acts as an **advocate in support of community interest** and ensures that the community's requests regarding library services are addressed through the planning and budgeting process, and
- We ensure that Municipal **Council is informed** of the library's role in the community, its accomplishments, needs and future direction.

Alignment with Building Markham's Future Together



GOAL 1:
Exceptional
Services by
Exceptional
People

GOAL 2:

Engaged, Diverse,
Thriving & Vibrant
City



GOAL 3:

Safe, Sustainable
& Complete
Community

GOAL 4:
Stewardship of
Money &
Resources



1. READING AND LITERACY



2. PLACES AND SPACES



3. DIGITAL LITERACY

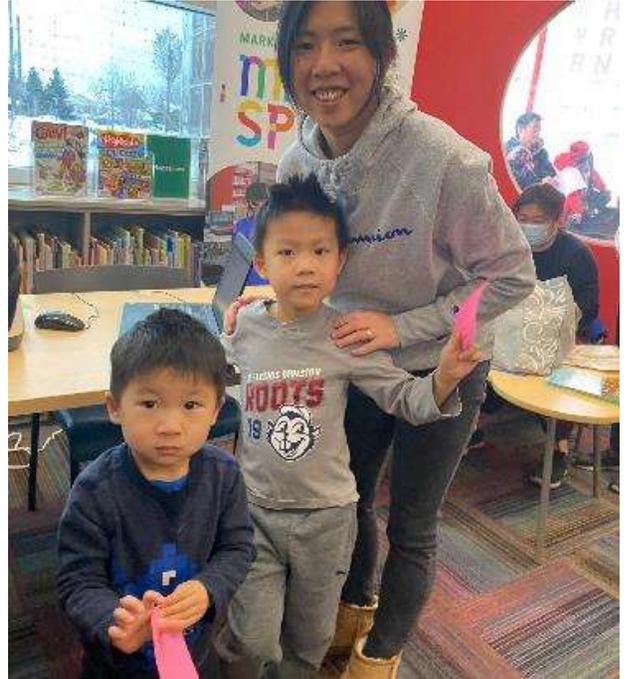


Library Achievements 2019-2022 Across Three Areas of Strategic Focus



1. Reading and Literacy

3.7 million items borrowed in 2022



Family Literacy Day



Congratulations!

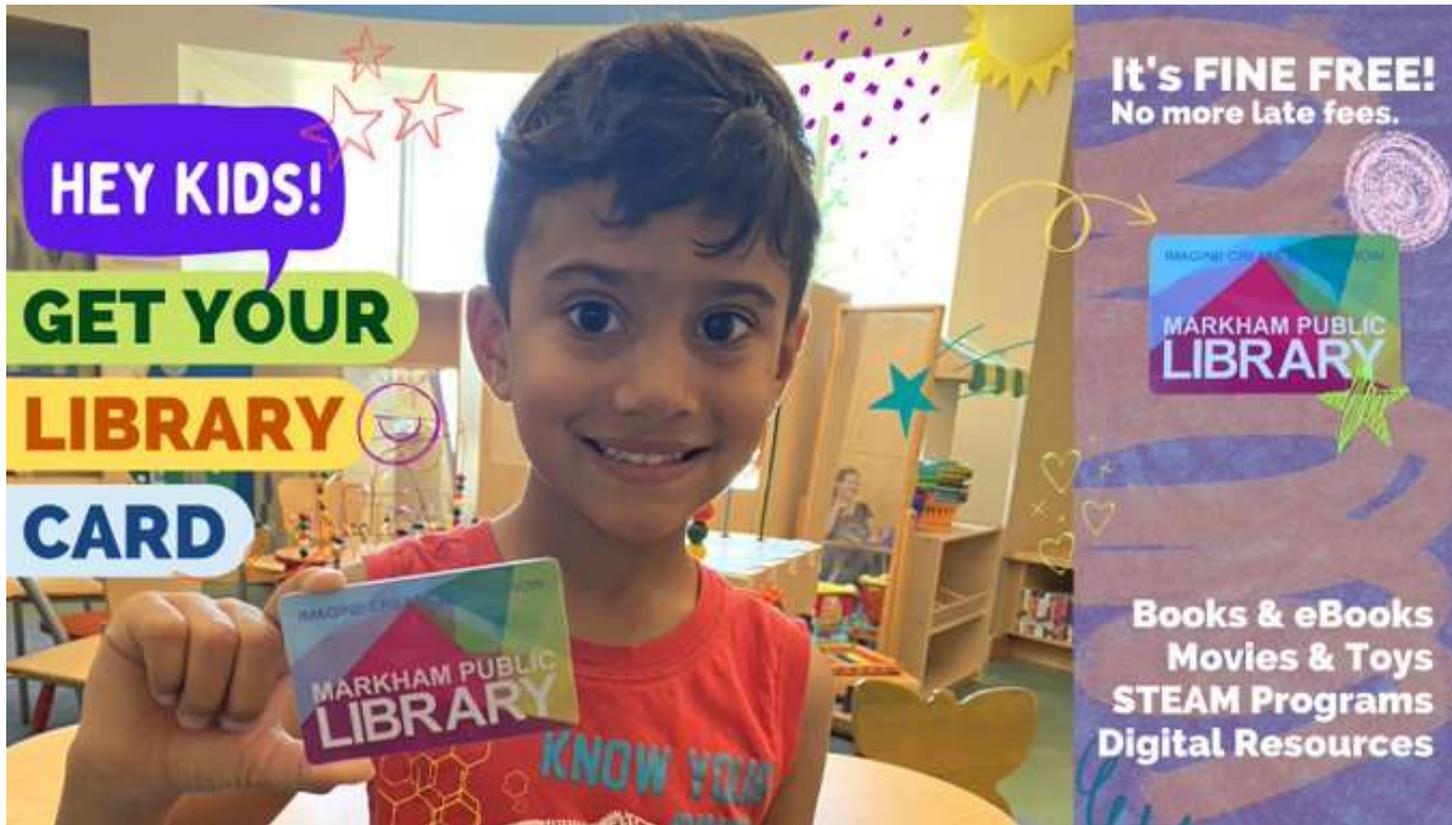
Markham Public Library

was voted the

#1

Family Activities in Markham

Fine-Free Cards for Youth



**Over 11,000
Youth Cards
issued!**

Libraries Going Beyond the Book



Community Partnerships

BICYCLES AND CYCLING EQUIPMENT



TOY LIBRARY



MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

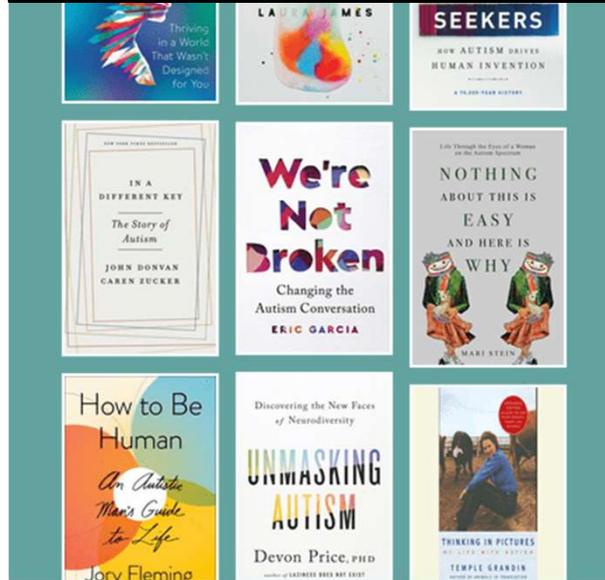


Innovation in Library Lending

DIGITAL MEDIA EQUIPMENT



AUTISM SUPPORT



DEMENTIA SUPPORT



Innovation in Library Lending 2022



2. Places and Spaces

1.1 million people visited library branches in 2022



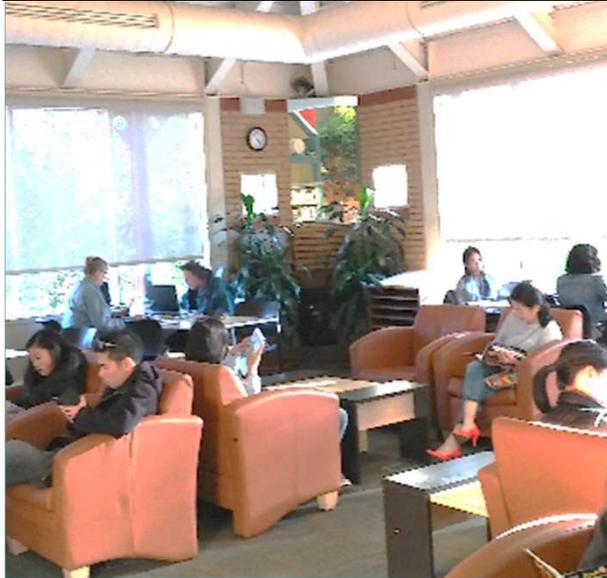
Library Branches

Investments in Community Resilience, Quality of Life and Civic Pride

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



SOCIAL COHESION



YOUTH



Where City-Building Happens

Community engagement and connection need places



A Central Library



Angus Glen Library

University and College Fairs



REPAIR CAFES



Trail Project

Leveraging Civic Assets

Working across Commissions

ENHANCING QUALITY OF
OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES



DESTINATION MARKHAM –
ENHANCING TOURIST EXPERIENCE



LEARNING ABOUT INDIGENOUS
HISTORY



Trail Project Supports Multiple Municipal Priorities



3. Digital Literacy

A new kind of literacy

Essential to success of the Digital Markham Strategy

Get an eCard

Instant Free Access to MPL's Digital Collections



[Sign Up Now](#)

Launched
eCards

Access to Digital
Collections from Home,
School and Office

Recent Achievements – Digital Literacy

LAUNCHED ASKMPL
ONLINE CHAT SERVICE



Have a Question? *Ask MPL*

KIDS MAKERSPACE



SOUND RECORDING/
PODCAST STUDIO



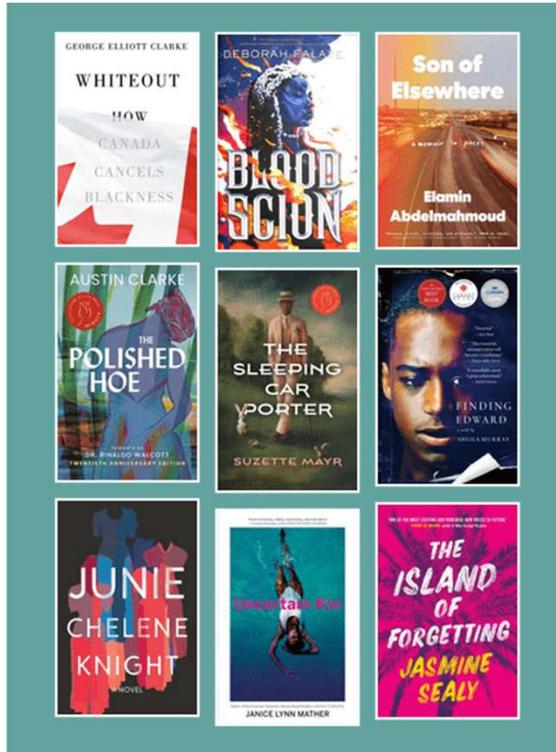


Looking Ahead to Continuing our Recovery

- Library visits are increasing.
- Our programs are more popular than ever.
- Community demand for our summer camp programs runs high high – on Day 1 of registration, the camps were 99% full.



Black Heritage Collection Launch





Thank you

Questions?