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Message from the Board Chair — New Beginnings

For Halifax Public Libraries, its been a transformational year of new beginnings. As Chair of your Library Board, I have had a ringside seat and the privilege

of being very involved in the momentous events. Looking back, the year 2014-15 will long be remembered as the time when we appointed a new Chief Librarian/CEO, opened our magnificent Halifax Central Library, shared *The Wow* with the world, and renewed our commitment to public engagement in shaping our library system's future.

Three levels of government invested close to \$57 million. The architects, Fowler Bauld Mitchell Ltd and Schmidt Hammer

Lassen, designed a breathtaking building that put Halifax on the international stage. The Central Library stands as a testament to the leadership of our former CEOs, Judith Hare and Paula Saulnier, current and past Board members, talented senior staff, and devoted volunteer fundraising committees. The imaginative design also won accolades from CNN, National Geographic, and Azure magazine — just to name a few!

Our national search for a new CEO, was guided by a Board Committee chaired by Kyle DeYoung. We were delighted to appoint Åsa Kachan as Chief Librarian and Chief Executive Officer. Åsa is fast becoming the face and voice of our hopes and aspirations for the future. It's so gratifying

for us, as board members, to see the creative synergies and forward momentum being generated by Åsa working in close collaboration with our talented, highly professional Senior Management Team.

On behalf of our Library Board in 2014-15, I urge you to review our Annual Report, to take an active interest in our library system, and to let us know how we are doing in advancing public libraries in our city.

Dr. Paul W. Bennett
Board Chair



Message from the CEO

When I became Chief Librarian & CEO of Halifax Public Libraries in November, I felt like I had won the lottery. An excellent library system on the

culsp of opening a glorious Central Library, in the city I call home. What a wonderful opportunity!

The opening of Central Library in December marked a tremendous milestone for Halifax Public Libraries, and one that demonstrated that excellence can be accomplished when all levels of government invest, the public's needs and interests are taken into consideration, and innovative design and expertise come together. The response of the public has been nothing short of moving, both in their words and

continued engagement. This is proof of the ongoing relevance of public libraries into the future.

One of my great joys this year has been visiting all our branches and getting to know the wonderful people who serve our communities through Halifax Public Libraries. The care, creativity and competency you demonstrate every day are what make this organization wonderful. It is evident in our welcoming spaces, responsive services and excellent programs.

Every day, across all our branches we promote literacy, build communities, preserve dignity, welcome newcomers, feed the imagination and inspire the bright ideas of people across Halifax. The collective impact of all those moments is profound.

My personal thanks to members of the Halifax Regional Library Board for your thoughtful direction of our work this year, as well as your support of my transition into the role of CEO. Thank you also to my colleagues throughout the Library and the City for making this a wonderful place to work.

We are proud of our role in shaping Halifax and supporting our citizens. 2014-15 has been a great year for Halifax Public Libraries and we are pleased to share some of our best moments with you in this report.

Åsa Kachan
Chief Librarian / Chief Executive Officer

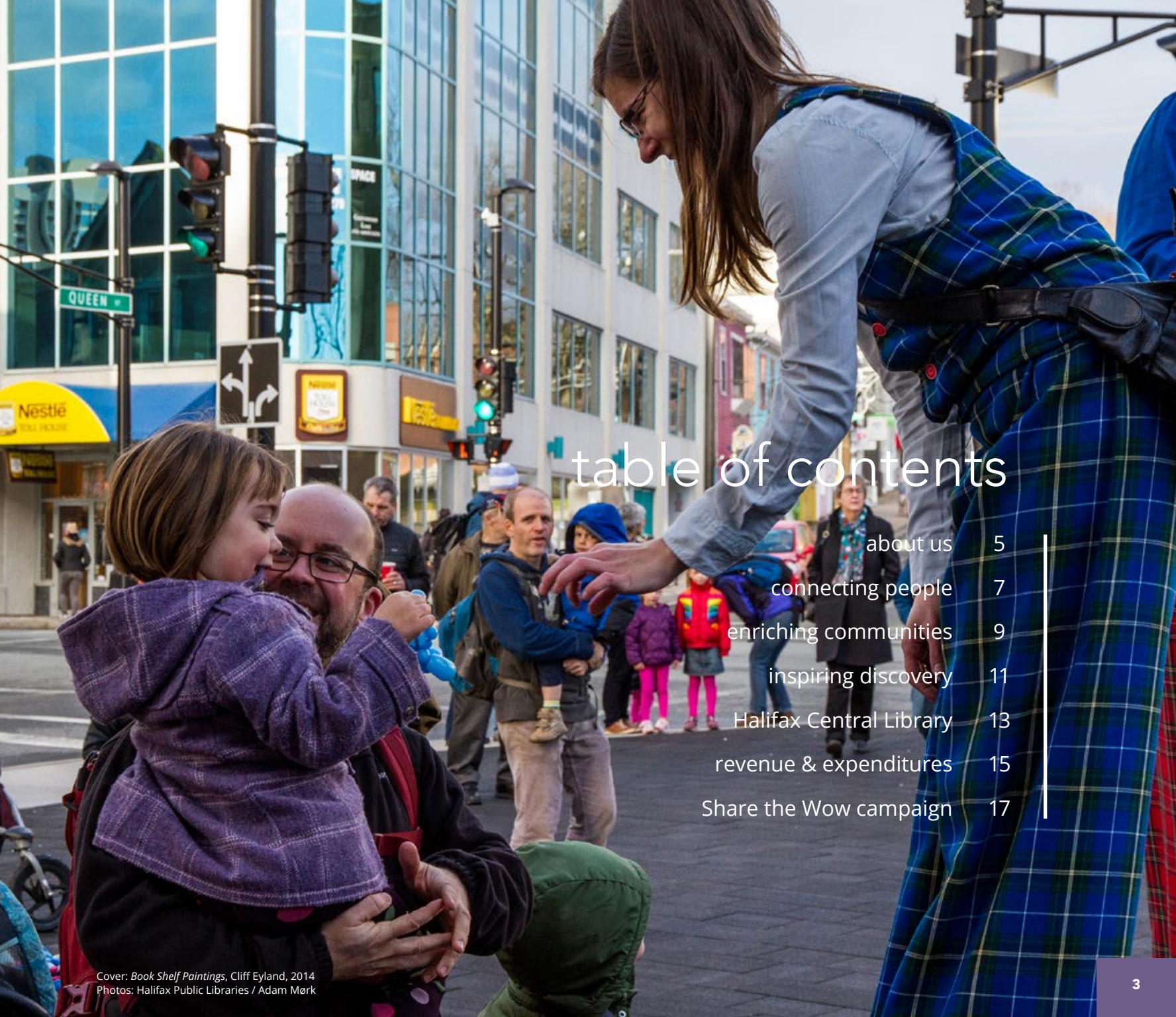


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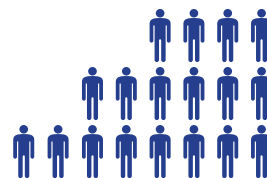
We are here for everyone, inviting you to spend time in our spaces, enjoy our programs, engage with others, share ideas or savour a moment of solace.

Halifax Public Libraries is a place for everyone

Our 14 branches belong to all the citizens of Halifax. We are welcoming, safe places where people of all backgrounds, young and old, can feel connected to each other and their city.

Halifax Public Libraries is a centre for learning, inspiration and exploration

Curiosity is alive and well in our libraries, where inquisitive minds of all ages explore literature, information and new technology.



↑ +22% over 2013-14

2,867,486

TOTAL VISITS, 2014-15

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A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

We are committed to making our spaces welcoming to all. This winter we reminded our community that a library is an open and supportive place during inclement weather in our *Come out of the Cold* campaign. We offer comfortable seating where people can settle in with a book or magazine, free computers, and assistance finding the information they need when they need it. Our employees care and go the extra distance.



+106% ↑
WIFI
CONNECTIONS



+27.6% ↑
MEETING
ROOM BOOKINGS



+24% ↑
COMPUTER
BOOKINGS



WELCOME, NEWCOMERS

Supporting newcomers to Halifax is an important role of Halifax Public Libraries. From formal English Language Learning classes, to knitting groups that bring together longtime Haligonians and our newest citizens to share experiences and forge friendships.

Modern libraries are social gathering places as well as quiet places for study and reflection.

connecting people

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Throughout our branches, our volunteers make a difference. Adult literacy and upgrading tutorials are helping people with basic reading and math skills. Many youth learn new skills as volunteers in our Homework Help, Leading Readers programs, and as members of our youth advisory committee. Free tax clinics help hundreds of citizens meet their filing deadline each year. Our volunteers of all ages help us enrich lives in our community. Thank you!



FAMILIES

Specially created grab bags of picture books for busy families on the go, early literacy programs that connect babies to books, and movie screenings—these are some of the ways we continue to be relevant to families in our neighbourhoods. We make it affordable to have a family outing and we've even eased the rules on food to inspire family picnics in the Central Library.



Libraries are one of the few remaining places where you don't have to buy something to feel welcomed.

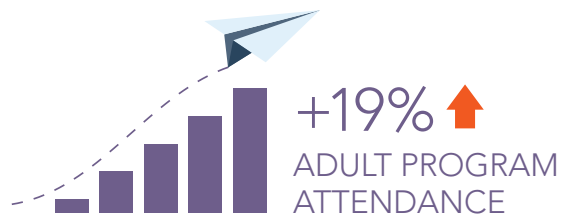
enriching communities

WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS

One of Halifax Public Libraries' greatest strengths is working with partners in our community. For example, we partnered with the Black History Month Association to celebrate African Heritage Month, and with the Halifax Parks & Recreation Department to bring a wide range of programming to teens in our communities.

ATTRACTIVE & FUNCTIONAL

We know that attractive public spaces are important in all our branches. Cole Harbour Public Library was renovated in time for the branch's 25th Anniversary celebration last summer. New technology such as Apple iPads, renovated study rooms and carrels, and a repurposed teen space, have transformed the branch and opened it up to more uses.



WELCOME BACK TO THE LIBRARY

To celebrate the opening of Halifax Central Library, we invited citizens from across Halifax to rediscover their local library, by offering free replacement cards, and waiving overdue fines. To our delight, people came out in great numbers. Over 4,400 replacement cards were issued, and over 6,000 citizens had overdue fines waived. Amidst the tears and thanks, they had a chance to see all the new services we offer, and reconnect with our branch staff. We're delighted to see you again!



A TECHNOLOGY GATEWAY

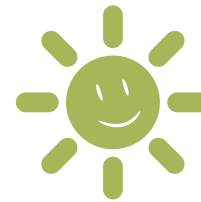
Connecting easily to the world around them is important for our citizens, and by making technology available to every Haligonian, we help make the world more accessible. With iPads for adults and youth to borrow, free public computer access and improved Wi-Fi at every branch, and technology training in several languages, we are incorporating emerging technologies seamlessly into our services.

SPARKING IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

With the opening of Paul O'Regan Hall in Halifax Central Library, we have brought a valuable new venue to the community. As a town hall, Paul O'Regan Hall is home to discussions on the most important issues of the day. As a concert hall, Paul O'Regan Hall makes music and the arts accessible to all our citizens. Libraries are great promoters of dialogue and expression.

EDUCATING YOUTH

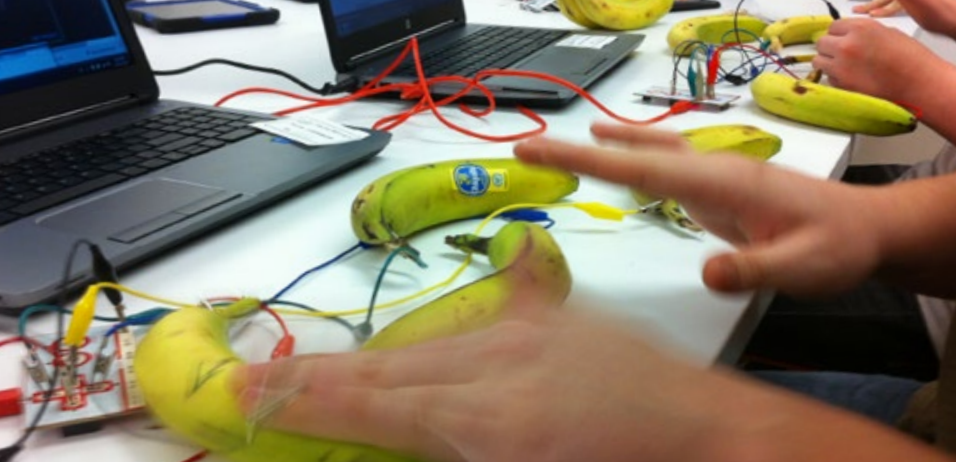
Where do children and teens go to learn and have fun? They're welcome at Halifax Public Libraries. We're always on the search for new ways to engage young people. Through our programs and collections we provide invaluable learning support for parents and caregivers. This year, our TD Summer Reading Club activities in the Musquodoboit Valley attracted national attention when we won first prize for the most innovative summer reading club programming.



6,400 ↑

SUMMER READING
CLUB READERS
102,000 BOOKS READ





inspiring discovery

MAKING ROOM FOR INNOVATION

Halifax is known for its music and we have ventured into the mix with our new sound proof recording booths. Free of charge, these spaces provide a new service to support great talent and creativity in Halifax. Through our creative lab, people can access 3D printers, MaKey MaKeys, and other technologies. Imagine what the future might hold.



REACHING SENIORS

Seniors are a critical resource throughout our community, and certainly here at Halifax Public Libraries. Through our educational programs with partners like the Seniors College of Nova Scotia we provide great lectures on topics ranging from history and literature, to music. Seniors are also among our most active volunteers, using the library as a vehicle for remaining connected and serving others.

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OPENING DAY

The opening of Halifax Central Library stands as this year's greatest achievement. More than a decade in planning, designed and funded over the last four years, it represents the realization of the dream to create a Library for the 21st century. When the doors opened to rushing crowds on Saturday, December 13, we captured the imagination of everyone and signaled the revitalization of Halifax's downtown.

Halifax Central Library



*"Are you ready to
fall in love?"*

—Mayor Mike Savage



582,000

VISITS IN THE FIRST
THREE MONTHS

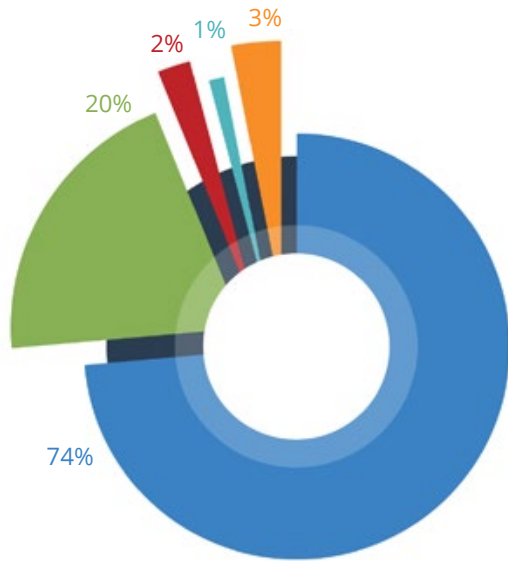
Open just a few months, Halifax Central Library is changing the landscape of Halifax and the lives of our people. An iconic civic landmark, that has garnered national and international attention, we are drawing people from far and wide. Once inside the open and inspiring space, visitors often remark that they think differently about what our community can be. With 582,000 visits to Halifax Central Library in the first 3 months, we are on track to welcome 2 million people through the doors this year. They enjoy our excellent collection, compelling programs and have access to our free computers and Wi-Fi and so much more.



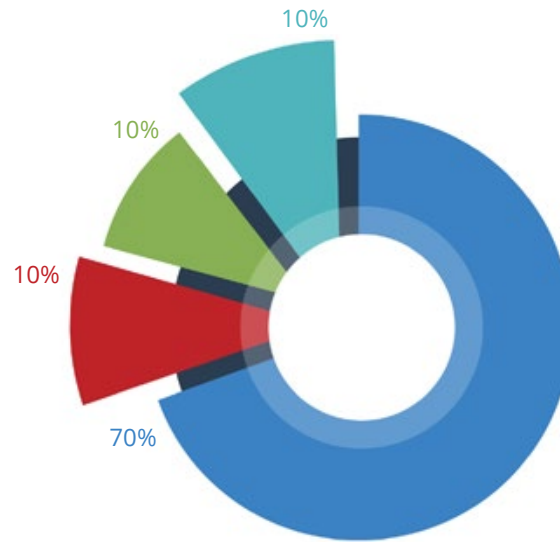
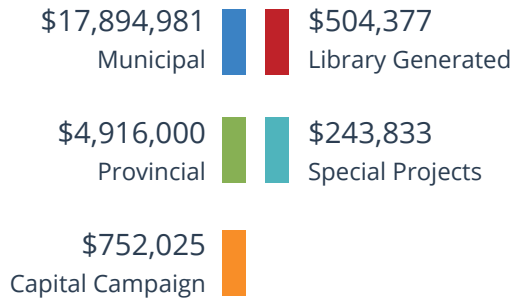


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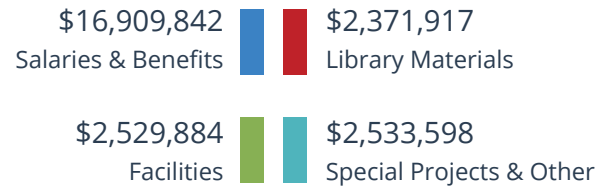
Halifax Public Libraries is grateful to be primarily funded by the City of Halifax and the Province of Nova Scotia. Additional funding is received to support special activities including English language learning for newcomers and literacy support. The library also generates revenue through fines, meeting room rentals and fundraising.



REVENUE



EXPENDITURES





Nothing defines a city's character and its commitment to learning, culture, democracy, and progress more than a library.

Share the Wow campaign

The *Share the Wow* Capital Campaign is closing in on our 6.4 million dollar goal. We have done exceedingly well in attracting major donors and new donors. Much of the credit belongs to our Capital Campaign Council, co-chaired by Jane Smith and Candace Thomas, and ably supported by dedicated volunteers, including Gordon Stevens, Kirby Putnam, Don Gardiner, Rose Wilson, Linda Black and Gordon MacDonald. Aided by senior staff members Bruce Gorman and Terri Fraser and Adrienne Malloy of RBR Development Associates.

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Maureen Collier

Donna Condon in memory
of Bruce Mosher

Dan Conlin in memory
of Bethany Keddy

Kenneth Conrad

Marian Conrad

Robert Butt in honour
of Robert J. Butt

Rick Conrad

June Cook in honour
of Hansel F. Cook

Christine Cooper in honour
of Marge Kelley

Theresa Cooper

The Sampson Kids

Andrew Corkum in
memory of Patsy Dick

Jane Plant & George Cotaras in
memory of Hugh W. Plant

Joan Cottell

Sally Covert

Janet Crosbie

Shelley Crowell in honour
of H. A. Coneen

Denise Cunningham

Kim Gallivan

In honour of Laura Bartlett
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Jared Dapena

Jadzia and Chanel

In honour of A. Marcia
David's 60th Birthday

Pearl David

Alison Davidson in memory of
John & Marjorie Mulholland and in
memory of William & Emma Keith

John Davie

Lena Davis

Jacqueline de Mestral

Frank De Palma in honour
of Catherine Lasovich

Kristen De Palma

Laura De Palma

Cameron Deacoff in honour
of Annika Robyn Deacoff

Colin Dennis in memory
of Kenneth A. Dennis

Pamela Dreling

Claire d'Entremont

Maggie Rahr

Emma Desrosiers

Gail Purkis Loves to Read

Brandon DeYoung in honour
of Mike Donaldson

Brittany Deyoung

Meghan Doherty

Elmer and Teresa Doiron

Jessica Doiron in memory
of Mr. Mike Halley

Scott Domenie in memory
of Thomas Domenie

Maureen Donovan in honour
of Patricia Morrison and in
honour of Paul Hamson

Geraldine Dooks

Amelia, Chantelle and Ray in
memory of Oisín Roycroft Branton

Alana Doran & Adam Lanigan

Chrisanna Doyle &
Michael Stackhouse

Jennifer Drabik

Solange Dubé

Maura Duncan

Marie MacNeil, Gerard
MacNeil in honour of Marie
and Mr. Gerard MacNeil

Monique Dupuy

Jean Durrant in memory of
Annie & Raymond Lent

Pam Eakin

Andrew Edmunds

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ELL-SG Program in honour of
Frances Smith-McCarley

The Emanuel Children in
honour of Elizabeth Millen

Jenna, Ameila and Charlotte in
honour of Loretta Cunningham

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Bette Ann Wigglesworth

John Farley

Talia Cummins

Emily & Jenna Faulkner in
memory of Earl M. Faulkner

Joan Faulkner in memory of
Al MacRae and in memory
of Mary MacRae

Elizabeth Fearon in memory
of Bruce Milsom

Cherry Ferguson in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Ferguson

Andrew LeBlanc

Norma Ferguson

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of Roderick Fernandes

Heather Ferrier in memory
of Dr. Gregory Ferrier

Peter G. Fevens

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of Stacey Schwartz

Jennifer Mullane

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Alexandru Marian Fodor

Alan Forbes in honour of Jill Forbes

Wendy Forrest

Margaret Foster

R. Fotheringham

Cynthia Fraser

Sylvia Fraser in honour
of Jeff Fraser

Wayne Fraser

Marilyn French Caldwell

Nancy Fullerton

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Mac and Sally Fyfe in honour of Forest and Sally Fyfe
 Patricia Gallagher in memory of Dolly Kelly
 Michele Gallant
 Eli and Paty
 Lilah Gardner in honour of Tanya MacNeil
 Crystal Garrett
 Caroline Gaston
 The Gibb Family
 Dylan & Evan in memory of Grandpa Cooke
 Jeanette Gill in memory of Jennifer Grabove
 Jessica Gillis in honour of Jillian Gillis - Year of Birth
 Myrtle Gillis
 Sara & Tim Gillis in memory of Donald M. Gillis
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 Victoria Goldring
 Marie Gordon
 Kelly in memory of Joe Beaton and in honour of Dad (Carl Gorman)
 William Gorman in honour of Austin Guy William and in honour of Ciana Marie Dickie
 Sophie-Tang Fraser-Goulet
 Margo Grant
 Melissa Grant
 Jane Grantmyre in honour of James Frost
 Albert Kwan in honour of Albert Kwan

Mary E. Haase
 Deborah Halliday in honour of Brenda Halliday
 Alex Handyside in honour of The Handyside Family
 Rebecca Hannon
 Jana Hansen in memory of Dr. Eric Hansen
 Ann Hardcastle
 Nicole Hardy
 Minna Harjupanula
 Lisa Harrietha-Benson in honour of Isaac Francis Harrietha-Benson
 Frank Harrison
 Ben Disney
 Geoff Havers
 Diane Hawco
 Janet Hawkins in honour of Gail Emsley's 7th Birthday
 Steffie Hawrylak-Young in honour of Sandra Hawrylak
 Mary L. Hebb in honour of Noah & Josh Hebb
 Warren Heiti in honour of Bethany Hindmarsh
 Leslie Hemsworth in memory of Helen Hemsworth
 David Henry
 Amber Herritt in memory of Amy Young
 William Hicks
 Sheila Hill
 Joanna Holland
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 Ron Houlihan
 Ian Hubbard
 David A. Hume in memory of Nicole Emily Hume
 Susan Hunter
 Andrew Inch and Ashlea Hawker in honour of the "Southern Cross" and her sailors
 Carol Irving
 Sheena Jamieson in Memory of Leighann Wichman
 Sabrina Janick
 Rita Jennex in memory of Anne Fougere
 John Munro
 Nora Jessome
 Diane Johnston in memory of Kenneth Johnston
 Maggie Rahr in honour of Beth Rahr
 Lucija Kacala in honour of Longin and Regina Kacala
 Hailey Cantrill in honour of Hailey Cantrill
 Elizabeth Kelley in honour of Dr. Jillian Banfield
 Thomas P. Kennedy
 Julia Khodos
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 Mariah King in memory of Doreen Kemp
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Janice Kirkbright in honour of Elizabeth Corser
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 Deborah Lambert in memory of Nora Taplin
 Bethany Lander in memory of Tommy Thomson
 Patricia Lane
 Nathan Lapierre
 Laura Latham in memory of Nan and Pops Huntley
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 Valerie Latus in memory of Dr. Mike Latus
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 Jenna LeBlanc in honour of William Young
 Lisa Leblanc
 Gary A. Lee
 Elizabeth Leedham in honour of Charmaine Lowe's Birthday
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 Benjamin Lelievre
 Marsha Leroux
 Lynn Lindeijer
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 Linda Macdonald
 Margie Macdonald
 Lloyd MacDonald in memory of Winnie MacDonald
 Colin Henderson
 Shauna MacDonald in memory of Mary Butler
 Kevin MacDonell & Leslie Smith
 Faye & Paul MacDougall in memory of Bruce Mosher
 Christina Machardy in honour of Dawn-Desiree Gérin
 Averill MacInnis in memory of Shirley Mihoff and in memory of Darryl Pistone
 Paul MacInnis in honour of Gail Emsley
 Donna MacIntyre in honour of Wendy Clarke
 Julia MacKenzie
 Mary MacKenzie
 Mike MacKenzie in memory of Stan Orychock
 Jeannie MacKinnon in memory of Gertrude "Trudy" MacKinnon
 Melissa MacKinnon in honour of The MacKinnon Cousins. Still the best team.
 Ellen MacLean
 Sheila MacLean in honour of C.C. MacLean and in honour of Heather, Aynsley & Sheila MacLean



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Marli MacNeil
Mary Jane MacNeil
Sara MacNeil
Duncan Macpherson
Ena MacPherson
Carol & Pat Madden
TJ Maguire
Lily Young and Auntie Lisa
William Mann
Kenna Manos
Caroline Manuel
Shirley Marriott
Jane Mason-Browne
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Lian Cunningham - Grandson
Tanya Matheson in memory
of Mary Jane Webber
Rick Mathews
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Trevor McCann in honour
of Patrick Cassidy and in
honour of Sarah Cassidy
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of Colleen McCormack
Kahlan Kaida Head

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of Mary & Bill McGinn
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Krista McLellan
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of Pat & Bill Currie
Elizabeth McPhee in
memory of Lloyd O'Neill
Susan Merchant in honour
of Joyce Merchant
Karen Mitchell in memory
of Lynn Taylor-Marshall
Sarah Moore in honour
of Sarah Moore
Peter Moores in memory
of Lita Delaney
Evan Moorhouse
Norma Morash
Christopher Morel in
memory of George M.
Nancy Morgan in honour
of Marj & Bill Morgan
Megan Moriarty in honour
of Peter Moriarty
Alice Moriarty
Megan Moriarty
Carol Morris
Rosalind & Peter Morrison in
memory of Bruce Mosher
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of Karen Lorraine
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Sandra Murphy in honour
of Doris Murphy
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of Elaine C. Houghton
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Vidhya Muthu
Troy Myers in memory
of Bruce Mosher
Janet Newton
Brynn Nheiley in honour
of Eating Well
Brienne Bower
Nicolas Bower
Susan Newhook in
memory of Ray Guy
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of Gail Emsley's 7th Birthday
William Norman
Meg Norris in honour of
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Amanda and Ryan Alexander
Catherine O'Hara
Bobby O'Keefe in honour
of Rita O'Keefe
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Shannon Pennell in memory
of Bruce Mosher
Kevin Ives
Sheila Pentz
Rachel Perrier in honour
of Judy Linley
Heather Peters in honour of
Valerie "Mumsy" Peters
Netzie Petrie in memory
of Art Petrie
Kaitlin Pianosi
Stephen & Roberta Jefferson
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of Levi Pike and in memory
of Mildred Pike
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of Lynn Holman, R.N. and in
memory of Marie Pilkington
Tracy Piltman
Zalmon Pober in memory
of Michael Goodman
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Ryan Pye in honour of
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Martha Radice
Sara Rafferty
Erin Ramsay in honour of Phil
Townsend and Diane Beanlands
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of Helen Rath
Molly Rechnitzer
Susan in honour of Sue
and Larry Lundquist
Laura Rhodes in memory
of Joe Gmerek
Linda, Lee Anne & Faith in
honour of Peter Richard
and Janet McGinity
Stephan Richard
Nora Richards in honour
of Anthony Corano
Robert Ripley in memory
of Isabel Kehoe
Tina Robertson
Amy Rodwell
Marion Roe
Jeremy Ross in memory
of Catherine Boutilier
Jane Roycroft in memory of
Oisín Roycroft Branton
Meaghan Strum
Kathleen Ryan
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of Beverly Healy
Janice Sampson in memory
of Tyler G. Sampson
Natalie Sampson

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 Yvette Scattolon in memory of Hope Rosalie Brill
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 Nancy Schurman in memory of Stella Jean Sutherland
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 Heather Selig
 Ron S. Seney in memory of Bruce Mosher
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 Anne Sherwood
 Lynn Shokry
 Don and Colleen Shubaly
 Derek Simon
 Paula Simpson-O'Brien in honour of Rachel Ziff O'Brien
 Lynn Lethbridge
 Nicola R. White
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 Leigh Smith

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 Mary Spurr in memory of Jack Spurr
 Val Spurr in honour of Stephen E. Barbour
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 Moira Stewart
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 Colin Stuttard
 Marjorie Sullivan in honour of Adrienne Malloy
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 Mike Laveck
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 Sarah Visintini
 Donna Wager
 Ann Wainwright in honour of Pamela Clare
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 Wendy Walsh in memory of Edgar Walsh
 Ken Ward

Marianne Ward
 Wallace Ward in honour of Monica Ward - 30th Birthday
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 Ariel Watson in memory of Grant V. McClanahan
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 Marie Wiktor
 Susan Wilbur in honour of Barbara Layman
 Elora in honour of my Brother
 Patricia Weeks in memory of Bruce Mosher

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 Joseph Williams
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 Ben Young in honour of Breanna Young
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A high-angle, wide shot of a large, diverse crowd of people gathered in a modern library atrium. The space is filled with people of various ages and ethnicities, many wearing winter coats and hats. Some are holding cameras or smartphones, suggesting a public event or a busy day. The architecture features large glass windows and modern furniture, including a green curved sofa. The overall atmosphere is one of a vibrant, community-oriented public space.

"A library in the middle of a community is a cross between an emergency exit, a life raft and a festival. They are cathedrals of the mind; hospitals of the soul; theme parks of the imagination. On a cold, rainy island, they are the only sheltered public spaces where you are not a consumer, but a citizen, instead."

—Caitlin Moran, *Moranthology*