

## **REPORT TO HCCA MEETING: 1 MARCH 2021 LIBRARY SERVICES**

Here's what our Library Services Matter committee members have been up to since our last report:

- We have presented two submissions to the OPL board of directors. The first was requesting access to the unusually large sum of money (and growing) in the OPL's Reserve Fund, to use as one-time funding for a pilot for programming for our residents in conjunction with the OPL to help address the gap in service to our community.
- The second was a statement of support for endeavours by OPL staff to seek better prices on ematerials for the library.
- We have posted items on our HCCA website (see 'Travel Times for Library Service', and 'Little Libraries in Hunt Club' under News and Events / Newsroom; and under Our Community/Local Issues: Library Services – Updates N.B.: More coming soon!)
- We have created a 'What's Missing' list in response to Councillor Brockington's question of 'What's missing in terms of library services for our community?' We just shared these with him today.
- We are submitting two program proposals for OPL staff to offer our community. One is a Storytime for Toddlers program. We are in the process of choosing one other. We are currently working on these proposals which are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>, if they are to be considered for September of this year.
- We have created a running list of possible programs to offer to residents in our community in conjunction with OPL and potential other partners with expertise, based on committee members' suggestions and suggestions received from earlier surveys in our community (in 2019).
- We have created a bookmark style paper slip and inserted one at the front page of each book in the Free Little Library box on Cahill Drive West. We will be doing the same for the Free Little Library boxes located on Uplands Drive and on Welby Court.
- We are working on a 1<sup>st</sup> draft of a more permanent cardstock bookmark to use as publicity to advocate for improved library services in our community.
- We'd like to create another Library Services survey for HC-RP residents, that would be very much like the format used by the City of Ottawa's recent Parks & Recreation survey. We would probably need an OPL and/or a City staffer to assist us with this.