

Friends of the Mississauga Library System
2023 Annual General Meeting
October 19, 2023

President's Report

- Renovations to the Central Library are expected to be completed by the end of 2023, and the Board are looking forward to a tour in the next month. Once we have a re-opening date from the Library, we will be able to inform book sale volunteers and the public about the resumption of the Central Library book sale and our ability to receive book donations once again. We are all looking forward to that day.
- We continue to receive revenue from the branch-library book sales and from the donation boxes located at each branch library.
- We are also continuing to receive some revenue from our Amazon account, and look forward to enhancing this once we are able to acquire and process a larger volume of donations. More donations will enable us to identify and sell more higher-priced items, both online and from the shelves at Central.
- In the past year, we have been able to support the Grade 4 Read to Succeed program, the Summer Reading Club and bus trips for elementary school pupils to their local branch library. This last item is currently our single largest expenditure to supporting library service.
- As a donation towards the renovated Central Library, the Friends are funding the purchase of two specially-designed Parent+Child Study Carrels. These items will help parents to watch/occupy their children while they are doing their own work at the Library.
- The Friends would like to acknowledge the benefits of our City Registered Group status:
 - Rooms for monthly meetings and AGM
 - Group-liability insurance
 - City liaison
 - Permission to apply for use of City by-ways to advertise
- Thanks to Laura Reed, who has been very good at keeping us up to date on the progress of the Central Library.
- Thanks to all my fellow members of the Executive: Shanaz Fancy, Margo Harvie, Ashok Sagar, Caroline Derouet and Rabia Fatima, who have helped to keep the lights on over the past three years. We are all looking forward to resuming our regular activities in a beautifully-renovated space.
- Thanks to all of our members and volunteers. We hope to see you again very soon.

Submitted by Michael Jones, President, Friends of the Mississauga Library System