

Friends of the Mississauga Library System
Annual General Meeting
October 15, 2021
President's Report

*Highlights of the **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT** for 2020-2021 presented at the Annual General Meeting on October 21, 2021.*

- Book sales at branch libraries remain closed due to no access to library during the year, so book donations have ceased.
- The library will be revisiting volunteer access and donations in the next few weeks, which will inform FOL activity moving forward.
- Due to renovation of the Central Library, FOL documents and a small collection of valuable books have been moved to a storage facility.
- Michael informed that the library did not present a wish list this year to provide support for their programs. FOL also did not receive a request from the Mississauga Spelling Bee, a major literacy initiative FOL has supported in past years. This is likely because most of these programs have been suspended this year.
- Friends have in the past provided financial scholarships to promote library education. The Jim Wilde Library education award was not awarded due to the pandemic.
- Laura Reed will serve as our library liaison moving forward, and will be invited to FOL meetings.
- Michael thanked Eva Kolaczowski, who will be stepping down from the Board, for her 25 years of service to the Friends. The Executive members of the Board were recognized for their ongoing commitment to FOL and literacy.
- Michael also expressed appreciation to Ingrid Keuper-Dalton, our previous library liaison, and acknowledged the benefits of our City Registered Group status: rooms for monthly meetings and Annual General Meeting, Group liability insurance and a City liaison.
- Members of the Friends of the Mississauga Library System were thanked for their ongoing support and participation.