

Successful Partnerships

School Libraries and Public Libraries
Working Together
Ontario Library Association Super Conference
February 4th, 2006

Our Community

- Population estimate 513,000
- 9th largest city in Canada
- 10% are visible minorities
- Immigrants = 25% of population
- 22% are below income cutoff
- 27% have great difficulty reading
- Poverty rate of 19%
- The city of Hamilton is the third largest recipient of immigrants among metropolitan areas in Canada, after Toronto and Montreal.



Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

- 56,000 students
- 117 schools in operation
- 6,000 staff
- 7th largest school board in the province of Ontario.



Hamilton Public Library

- 24 library branches and 2 bookmobiles
- 2005 youth materials circulation 1,716,886
- Over 3,000 Youth Services programs offered in 2004
- 771 class visits offered during the 2004/2005 school year



A little bit of history...

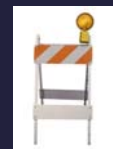
- 1993: Statement of Mutual Cooperation
- 1996: Hamilton-Wentworth's Information Network
- 2005: June 8th, 2005 Partnership Agreement



What keeps us apart?

In short, anything that prevents communication and understanding. Most of these impediments are largely a matter of time and money:

- Communication barriers because of "culture" and "environment".
- Availability of library staff.
- Costs of program and travel.
- Overscheduled students and staff.



“When we form relationships, we help kids succeed, but we also help libraries thrive.”

Patrick Jones SLJ Nov, 2001



What brings us together!

- We want to help kids succeed.
- We have a shared geographic border.
- Small and large projects.
- Short and long term opportunities.
- Programs for ALL grades.
- Richness of resources to share.
- Administration and staff involvement at all levels.



Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board

- Discussions in progress for a formal partnership agreement.
- Across the HWCDSB there is consistent staffing of 0.5 Teacher Librarian per elementary school.



Why a formal partnership agreement?

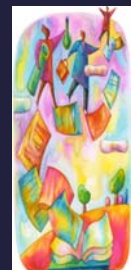
- The Hamilton Public Library (HPL) and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) share the vision of students achieving their full potential and further, share the values of respect, innovation and accountability.
- It has been determined that the two partners will work collaboratively, in a leadership capacity, to support and sustain a partnership program that will positively impact Hamilton students and their families.

Objectives

- To increase the number of class visits presented in the public library and in the schools by HPL staff to HWDSB students during the school year.
- To heighten awareness of HPL and HWDSB and their joint commitment to the Hamilton community.
- To provide a variety of educational enrichment experiences and opportunities to students.
- To augment resources that support classroom services through HPL's collection development strategies.
- To increase student participation in core HPL programs such as the Power of the Pen and the Summer Reading Program.

Make it happen

- Bring together key stakeholders (decision makers).
- Discuss and identify mutual areas of interest and concern.
- Outline key strategies and programs.
- Be specific and set measurable targets.
- Create a mechanism for evaluation .
- Build in sustainability.



Process



Here is what we did:

- HWDSB School Library Coordinator and the Director of Children and Young Adult Services met repeatedly, officially and unofficially, to strategize and focus.
- Arranged for a meeting with the Superintendent and the Chief Librarian.
- The discussion was given form and substance.
- A series of drafts went back and forth.
- The Partnership Proposal was approved by both organizations.

Board and Trustee Involvement

Support and commitment at the Board and Trustee level is essential for a sustainable and successful partnership.



Communication Strategies

To be successful, communication must be effective, ongoing and at all levels:

- Regular meetings.
- Annual presentations to Teacher Librarians.
- Teachers Page on the Hamilton Public Library website.
- Using e-mail effectively.
- Representatives from education sector on the Hamilton Public Library Board and support for the public library from the HWDSB Trustees.
- Responsive to requests for support.

The Teachers Page



Teachers can find their local branch library, learn about the class visit program, and identify library resources that support the curriculum.

Evaluation

- Identified the key programs and services and provided specifics as to how we would measure success.
 - **Class visits**
 - Both partners will aim for a 3% increase in total class visits delivered by HPL staff for each of the next three years and a 5% increase in the number of schools participating in the Class Visit Program for each of the next three years.
 - **Curriculum Material Purchasing**
 - HWDSB and HPL will ensure that there is a minimum of one meeting a year to discuss curriculum purchasing for HPL collections.

Sustainability

Responsibilities of the Partnership Task Force

- Provide leadership and guidance on the elements and implementation of this partnership. In the schools, this includes, but is, not limited to: ensuring a literacy and curriculum focus as well as communication to all staff regarding the partnership.
- Champion this partnership amongst the constituent groups represented.
- Attend scheduled meetings and actively participate in the planning and implementation processes.

Working Together

We've selected a variety of projects that cover a range of possibilities for co-operation. We want all of you here today to leave with at least one ahaa...one idea or project that you can implement when you get home from the conference.



Get Carded @ Your Library



Get Carded

- HWDSB will promote the benefits of having a library card and will facilitate the distribution of application forms to elementary and secondary students. HPL will arrange to have the cards returned to the school.
- Both partners will ensure turn around times for the library card registration process will remain consistent and will strive to maintain the current number of students registering for new cards.



Class Visits - Core Programs

- Grade 4
 - To introduce children to pleasure reading and their local library.
 - Booktalks
 - Public Library Card
- Grade 7
 - The Research Tutorial
 - Booktalks
 - Public Library Card



Class Visits

- HWDSB will actively promote and encourage participation ...with letters to principals and teacher librarians from the Superintendent responsible for libraries. On a yearly basis, HWDSB will provide HPL with mailing labels of Grade 4 and 7 teacher names so that personally addressed invitations can be mailed out inviting classes to participate in the HPL Class Visit program.
- Both partners will aim for a 3% increase in total class visits delivered by HPL staff for each of the next three years and a 5% increase in the number of schools participating in the Class Visit Program for each of the next three years.



Each Grade 4 class that participates in a HPL Class visit has a chance to win tickets for the whole class!



CALLING ALL GRADE 7 CLASSES!
 All participating library sites will receive a **FREE SQUARE SLICE** courtesy of Pizza Place, Ontario's #1.

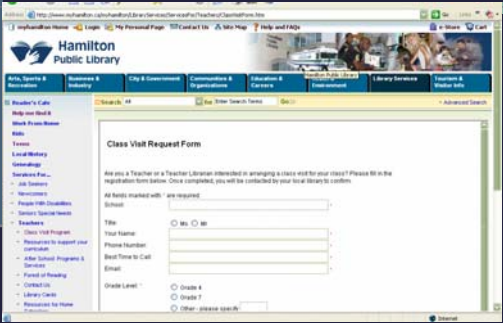


The first 4,000 grade 7 students who participate in a grade 7 class visit will receive a coupon for a free slice of pizza.



Hot & Fresh!
PIZZA PLACE
 Ontario's #1 Pizzeria

Class Visit Request Form



Hamilton Public Library

Class Visit Request Form

All staff & Teacher or a Teacher Librarian interested in arranging a class visit for your class? Please fill in the registration form below. Once completed, you will be contacted by your local library's contact.

All fields marked with * are required

Title: _____

Your Name:

Phone Number:

Best Time to Call:

Email:

Grade Level: Grade 4 Grade 5 Other, please specify: _____

Curriculum Material Purchasing

Meeting User Needs Part II: Our Collection Responsibilities


- The Hamilton Public Library will review its policies regarding support for formal education and will revise these policies in an attempt to meet the expectations of students, short of providing "textbooks" to students.
- The Hamilton Public Library will examine curricula-related needs, appropriate to different educational levels, including adult learners and define the extent to which the collection will support these needs.

Curriculum Material Purchasing


- With input from HWDSB curriculum consultants, HPL will purchase curriculum-related resources for its branches as part of the pathfinder project and as outlined in the Position Paper, *Meeting User Needs II: Our Collection Responsibilities*.

Online Resource Purchasing and Training


- HPL will provide assistance to HWDSB in negotiating the best possible prices for license rights to HPL online subscriptions as relevant to curricular needs. As well, HPL will provide both offline and online presentations for secondary schools regarding the use of these products.



Power of the Pen Writing Contest



A first and second prize winner will be chosen in each age category – 12 through 18 years of age.



First prize winners in each age category will receive a cash prize of \$100.00 while second prize winners in each age category will receive \$25.00.

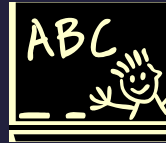
Power of the Pen

- HWDSB will actively promote and encourage student participation in the Power of the Pen Creative Writing Contest. Call for entry information will be distributed to all high school English teachers through the Secondary Curriculum Consultant.



School Ready

Kindergarten orientation program



Families are invited to a follow up visit to the library. 75% of families came to the library program.



School Ready

- HPL will provide an introduction to libraries and early literacy programming for families at participating schools and neighbourhood library branches.



Summer Reading

During the summer of 2005, almost 11,000 kids and teens participated in Summer Reading and read more than 84,400 books.



Summer Reading

- HWDSB will assist in the preparation of the summer reading flyer and distribute it to all elementary students and all secondary schools. HWDSB will promote and encourage student participation in the Summer Reading Program.
- HWDSB will organize the distribution of Summer Reading Program flyers to all elementary students and secondary school libraries on an annual basis. The partners will provide information and link their respective summer literacy and remedial reading programs.

Pathfinders

- Science Projects
- Provinces & Territories
- Medieval Times
- Ancient Civilizations



Curriculum Pathfinders

- HWDSB will collaborate with HPL in the creation of curriculum pathfinders.
- A minimum of two new pathfinders will be created each year for the next three years. All pathfinders will be posted on the HPL and HWDSB websites and will be distributed by HWDSB to all Elementary Teacher Librarians who will share them with the appropriate teachers at their schools.

M.E.L.D.

A family literacy project intended to reach newcomer families and provide parents with supports for their children's early learning and school readiness.



MELD is supported by dual language family workbooks, accessible dual language collections and family programs.

M.E.L.D.

- HPL will deliver family literacy programs at designated schools and libraries. HWDSB will encourage participation in the program as well as the use of dual language library materials by newcomer families. Dual language workbooks in 12 languages will be made available for downloading from the HPL website at the end of the project.

Opportunities...

The Partnership Agreement provides the foundation for additional collaborative initiatives:

- Opening Door to Children research study
- OSCR: Ontario School Curriculum Resources
- Hamilton Families Read
- Forest of Reading
- After School & Homework Help
- myhamilton.ca

Opening Doors To Children



Your opinion counts!

Students in grades 4 to 7... we need your help with a national survey on public libraries.

Tell us...
— what you think of the public library.
— what books you like to read.
— what programs you like.
— what changes you would like to see.

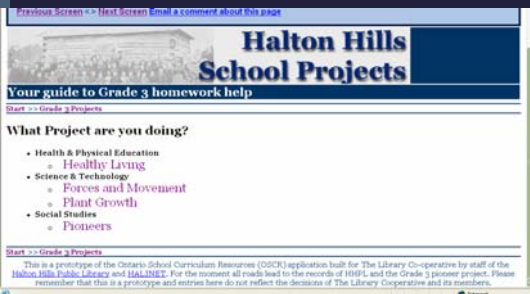
Can we count on you?
Here is your chance to tell us what you think!
Participate in this national survey that will take place at your school.

Participants will be entered in a draw for a book gift certificate.



Ontario School Curriculum Resources

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Halton Hills School Projects

Your guide to Grade 3 homework help

Start >> Grade 3 Projects

What Project are you doing?

- Health & Physical Education
 - Healthy Living
- Science & Technology
 - Forces and Movement
 - Plant Growth
- Social Studies
 - Pioneers

Start >> Grade 3 Projects

This is a prototype of the Ontario School Curriculum Resources (OSCR) application built for The Library Co-operative by staff of the Halton Hills Public Library and IGA/MIEX. For the moment all links lead to the records of IGA/MIEX and the Grade 3 pioneer project. Please remember that this is a prototype and entries here do not reflect the decisions of The Library Co-operative and its members.

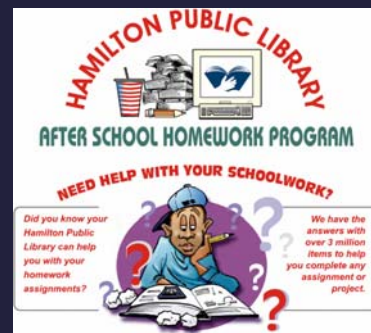
Hamilton Families Read



Forest of Reading Party



After School Homework Help



HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK PROGRAM

NEED HELP WITH YOUR SCHOOLWORK?

Did you know your Hamilton Public Library can help you with your homework assignments?

We have the answers with over 2 million items to help you complete any assignment or project.

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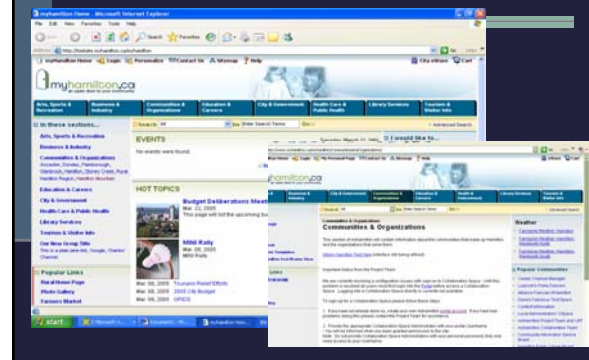
Work From Home

Local Library

LIBRARY EVENTS

Make Your Own Goodbooks

Our Community Portal



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EVENTS

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COMMUNITIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Our Goal



In the beginning was the word
At the heart is the story
At the foundation is the library

Questions?



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