

Lincoln Public Library Newsletter



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Former Library Board Chair Honoured by the Town of Lincoln



Former Library Board Chair **John Kraft** was honoured with a Town of Lincoln Good Citizen Award at the Town's recent Volunteer Recognition Celebration. John was nominated by the LPL Board in recognition of the 12 years he served on the Board.

John has been a vocal advocate for Lincoln Public Library as a Town Councillor, Board Chair (for eight years) and private citizen. In his time as Board Chair he oversaw significant improvements to library service, including a new branch in Beamsville, renovations to the Vineland branch's interior, expanded cooperation with other Niagara libraries, enhanced electronic resources and an increase in the number of programs offered to citizens of all ages. John also played a key role in the selection of the library's new CEO, helping to secure a bright future for one of Lincoln's most-used public services.

The LPL staff and Board thank John for all his hard work and dedication, and congratulate him on this honour.



Calling all landlubbers! Preschoolers (ages 0 - 5) and their caregivers are invited to bring their bears to our Pirate Teddy Bears Picnic on **Tuesday May 28** from 10 to 11:30 am at Hilary Bald Park in Beamsville. We'll have swashbuckling activities, a pirate ship bouncer and a treasure hunt!

This is a free community event. Drinks and peanut-free snacks will be provided.

Rain date is Wednesday May 29.

Holiday Closure: Both LPL locations will be closed **Monday May 20** for Victoria Day. The Fleming Branch will also be closed **Sunday May 19**.

Interlibrary Loan and LiNC Delivery Service Suspended



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Service des bibliothèques de l'Ontario-Sud



On Thursday April 12, the provincial government announced a 50 percent budget cut to the Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS), an agency that provides support services to libraries. This includes interlibrary loan (ILL), the service that allowed LPL to supply patrons with materials that we don't own. In 2018, 1,220 items were borrowed through interlibrary loan.

Unfortunately, as a result of the budget cuts, the ILL service has been suspended. Until further notice, we are unable to fulfill requests for ILL materials. ILL materials currently borrowed cannot be renewed.

The SOLS delivery service was also used to move materials between the Libraries in Niagara Cooperative (LiNC) members. This allowed our patrons to have materials delivered to Lincoln from libraries in Fort Erie, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Pelham, Thorold and at Niagara College. At this time, you are able to use your LPL card at LiNC libraries, however materials must be picked up and returned to each library system.

We are still able to deliver materials between the Fleming Branch in Beamsville and the Moses F. Rittenhouse Branch in Vineland.

We are working on solutions! Please check our website and social media for updates. For further information, contact LPL CEO Julie Andrews by emailing andrews@lincoln.library.on.ca or by calling 905.563.7014.

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The Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS) also manages the consortium that allows us to offer you thousands of e-books and audiobooks for far less than it would cost us to purchase them. So far, the provincial budget cuts have not affected this service.

Staff Comings and Goings

At the end of April, we said goodbye to Skye Soobramanie, who has accepted a full-time position as a librarian with the Brampton Public Library. (As it happens, Brampton is where our new CEO Julie Andrews came from. This is like major league sports, but we traded librarians!) Skye was here as Jenn Kinsman's maternity leave replacement. We are thrilled that Anita Drabek will fill in until Jenn returns in September.

We also said farewell to Noah, one of our student Pages, who has left us for part-time employment elsewhere. Thanks, Skye and Noah, and all the best in your new positions!

In early May, Alyssa will be joining us as our newest Page. Alyssa will be our first second-generation Page! Her mother, Karin, was an LPL Page and then worked as a Circulation Clerk. Welcome, Alyssa!