

## **KEY MONTHLY LIBRARY ACTIVITIES - 2011**

**Month: October**

### **REACHING OUT TO...**

#### **YOUTH**

1. Burnhamthorpe Library has entered into a partnership with the Teacher-Librarian at Philip Pocock Catholic Secondary School whereby they collect and verify registration forms from students so that we can make cards for them. Staff from Central Library meanwhile will be offering instruction to students on using our database products.
2. The initial TAG meeting held at Burnhamthorpe Library was a resounding success! There were 22 very enthusiastic teens who attended.
3. An interactive presentation called "Are You Smarter Than A 4<sup>th</sup> Grader?" has been created by staff especially for the Grade 4 "Read for Succeed" class visits. It reinforces the responsibilities of owning a library card and is a hit with the kids.

#### **OLDER ADULTS**

1. A partnership with Revera Retirement Homes is underway. Two of the older adults residences, Bough Beeches and The Beechwood are in Burnhamthorpe Library's catchment area.
2. The launch of the Computer Buddies program, which partners teens and older adults who are in need of computer training, at Burnhamthorpe Library was featured in the local SNAP! publication. Councilor Fonseca, staff and the older adults participating in the program were all featured. The program has proven to be a smash success with over 20 teens and older adults participating. In addition to English, tutors are teaching in Cantonese, Mandarin and Filipino.

#### **NEW CANADIANS**

1. A Newcomer Corner was set up to feature relevant pamphlets, guides and the citizenship kits for those new to Canada.

#### **COMPLETING OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS**

1. Staff visited Dixie Public School's Open House for Parents to talk about the Burnhamthorpe Library and the services offered.
2. Four classes of Grade 5 students came to the library for a special children's author visit from Kevin Sylvester. The event was a resounding success! Cheers and screams of fun and excitement were heard throughout the program.
3. Burnhamthorpe Library partnered with Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre and the Mississauga Theatre Alliance to participate in the citywide Doors Open event. Hundreds of customers were treated to stories, henna tattoos, face painting, theatre performances, culinary delicacies courtesy of the local chef school and much more. Councilor Fonseca even joined us and read a story for the kids.