



REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD
MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Session:	Public Session
Subject:	Ontario Public Library Week Celebrations
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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Library Board receive this report.

ISSUE/OPPORTUNITY

This report is to provide an overview of events that have been planned to celebrate Ontario Public Library Week from October 20 to 25, 2008 and to invite members of the public, Library Board and LPL Staff to participate in the celebration.

Ontario Public Library Week (OPLW) is an annual event that is held the third week in October. The theme for London Public Library Week 2008 is "Discover the World...Through Your Library!" This year a cross functional team of individuals is planning celebrations for OPLW that are designed to engage our customers, raise awareness about library services, resources and programs, and communicate our value within the community in alignment with our mission, vision, strategic priorities and value promise.

LPL ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK EVENTS:

Date/Time	Event	Location
Sunday Oct 19, 1-5 pm	Sunday Service begins	Central Library
Monday Oct 20, 8-9 am	Books and Breakfast: kick off for the celebrations	Hudson's Bay Passageway, Central Library
Tuesday October 21, 7:30 pm	An African Journey: Grandmothers to Grandmothers. Paulette Pelletier Kelly talks about her trip to sub-Saharan Africa with Stephen Lewis	Wolf Performance Hall, Central Library
Wednesday October 22	Celebrity Checkout	Central Library and most

Throughout day	The Library welcomes local "celebrities" as honorary employees	Branches
Wednesday October 22, 7 pm	Meet Dave Carley, Playwright in Residence. Dave Carley is joined by fellow playwright Marcia Johnson to kickoff LPL's 2008 Writer in Residence program	Stevenson & Hunt Room B Central Library
Thursday October 23	Small Biz: Learn from the Experts. Free mini-workshops with local experts on financing, marketing, daily operations and legal issues	Central Library
Friday October 24 – Sunday October 26	Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale	Western Fairgrounds
Saturday October 25, 2-4 pm	Discover Your Library Open Houses. Refreshments, entertainment and an "Eye Spy" Challenge	All locations
Tuesday October 21 – Thursday October 23	Passport to Your World Challenge. Be the lucky person to check out a chosen item and be entered for a chance to win a prize!	All locations
September 8 – October 4	My Life. My Library. My Story Writing Contest. Residents are invited to write their Library story. Winners will be published in the London Free Press	All locations
October 6- 25	Get "Carded". Residents will be encouraged to get a London Public Library card and be entered to win a prize. The Libro Library Road Show will be travelling all over the community signing up Londoners for library cards.	All locations including Libro Library Road Show

NEXT STEPS

Once OPLW celebrations are completed, the team will evaluate the week to create a final report with recommendations for next year. Also, success will be celebrated with articles and photos in *ACCESS* and in local media as appropriate.