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... Lend Me Your Ears

DIGITAL AUDIO PROCESSING

Digital technology is used everywhere. It enables communication satellites to link people and computer systems all over the world in products such as telephones, compact disc players and personal computers. Digital technology has become part of our daily lives. Now, digital technology transforms the way we communicate on a more personal level.

Researchers have spent years looking for a way to put the superior acoustic quality of digital sound processing into something as small as a hearing instrument. Finally the breakthrough, digital audio processing designed to fit into a small, comfortable and attractive hearing instrument. Using the same digital technology that brought superior sound quality to CD players, sound reproduction is clear, distinct and provides a rich and full sound picture. Soft sounds are amplified so they become audible, and loud sounds are kept from becoming uncomfortably loud.

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Library sees circulation soar

Circulation of materials at the Acton and Georgetown branches of the Halton Hills Public Library at the end of 2006 was up 14.4 per cent from the previous year.

"Last year was already a record-breaker at 14.6 per cent, now we are looking at a very impressive two-year increase of 29 per cent," said Library Director Jane Diamanti.

Borrowing has been increasing steadily since 2000 (up 49 per cent), with the largest jumps occurring between 2003 and 2006.

"There is every sign that residents are using their public library more fully, not just for the traditional book borrowing service, but also to check out audio books, DVDs, popular

magazines, and to join in on our excellent children's programs," said Diamanti.

The year-end statistics also indicate growing usage of the extensive magazine databases that the library members can freely access through the website at: www.library.hhpl.on.ca. All that is needed is a valid card from Halton Hills Public Library—available at no cost to anyone who lives, works owns property or goes to school in Halton Hills.

Diamanti is excited about the upcoming renovation and expansion of the Georgetown Branch, scheduled for completion in early 2010. The Facility/Site Study for Acton Branch is expected to begin in 2008.

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BACK TALK

By Dr. Gabor Madarasz



"Dad! Dad! Are you ok?"
"Hey Isaac, let me see if I can wiggle my toes first. Yup, I'm ok!"

It was my first run on the tobogganing hill this year and we were moving fast as we sped down the hill towards the creek. Suddenly Isaac flew up in the air and I was close behind not realizing he was aiming straight for a jump. Instantly I was also airborne but not knowing there was a jump I began listing over to the left, too late I was out of control. Bang, I came down hard on my left side and rolled 10 feet. We eventually stopped laughing and as we did I realized I had either dislocated my shoulder or had broken something! "Hey Isaac, something is not right with my shoulder and I think I'm heading to the hospital." Just then Kathy was coming to the hill to join us and realized something was definitely wrong. After a series of x-rays we discovered I had separated my left shoulder. My saving grace was that I was scheduled for an extremity adjusting seminar that weekend and with arm in sling off I went. To make a long story short I've been adjusting hundreds of patients over the last two weeks due to the remarkable techniques that were used on my separated shoulder after my injury! I've never in my 26 year career seen such innovative technique applied to extremities. The results we have had with other patients has been short of miraculous! So through adversity comes hope and renewal and we would love to share these approaches with you as well. Give us a call today, we'd love to help you!

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