

Library Notes

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If you haven't been to the Acton Branch this week, there are some very exciting changes happening. Site preparation and excavation have begun and the big machines are at work to the delight of our younger patrons. The library will remain open for business during the construction and you'll be able to track the progress of the new library over the next few months. If you haven't yet seen the designs, they are on display at the Acton Branch or on the library's website.

Expanding on the building theme, the library has

just received a new series of Canadian DVDs that encompass all aspects of renovation projects for the do-it-yourself enthusiast. The series "So, You're Renovating" provides a visual guide to help select and install, new flooring, doors and windows, as well as a complete overview of the work involved in refinishing your roof or basement. Once the construction projects are complete, the interior decorating or landscaping DVD's will help you transform your home and outdoor space. Black and Decker has put out a series of books that will

guide you to complete kitchen and masonry projects in addition to some of the previous topics. If you have the project, we have the information in books or on DVD.

There are still places available in the Just For Dads Storytime, June 16 at 6:30 p.m., if you haven't yet registered or contact us at 519-853-0301 for more information.

Cross the bridge on River Street and visit the Halton Hills Public Library, Acton Branch for these and other renovation and building titles or you can visit our website at www.hhpl.on.ca.



BIG DIG: The big machines have begun prepping the new Acton library site for construction of the multi-million dollar library replacement project. – Submitted photo

Town Digest

Parking changes

Confusion among Town staff and the parking by-law enforcement officers should be clarified with new directions from the Town's Community Affairs committee, which are expected to be endorsed by council on June 14.

Ed DeSousa, the Town's director of Corporate Services, said the confusion stems from different levels of parking enforcement across the town. The Town's parking bylaw is enforced by an outside contracted service and in residential areas, tickets are issued only on a complaint basis.

Staff offered councillors three enforcement options including full enforcement of parking rules in all areas with no warnings; one warning per licence plate in all areas of the Town, and one warning per plate with specific exemptions including the downtown BIA areas, loading and unloading zones and specific streets.

Committee members en-

dorsed option two, which is different than the current practice, but would, according to staff, provide some consistency across Halton Hills. There would not be any warnings for people who illegally park in fire routes or accessible parking spaces.

DeSousa said option two would result in a revenue loss of up to \$80,000 in next year's budget.

Municipal assistance

Seven local non-profit groups and community organizations will benefit in \$32,670 – mostly in fee waivers and for delivery of equipment and marketing – if recommendations made by the Town's Community Affairs committee are ratified at council on Monday.

Only one request, from organizers of the annual Terry Fox Run in Georgetown to waive fees to use the Gellert Community Centre, was rejected because the criteria states that taxpayers' money should not go to charities.

The committee voted to

provide Municipal Assistance funding to:

- \$1,633 for the Glen Williams Town Hall Board for its Canada Day celebrations for a fee waiver, delivery of outdoor equipment and marketing

- \$1,223 for the Acton Firefighters Association to waive fees and to market its Canada Day celebrations

- \$3,858 for the Acton BIA for fee waivers, delivery of equipment and marketing for the Canada Day Concert in the Park and the Leathertown Festival

- \$7,500 for the Acton Medical Clinic to help defray the cost of a nurse practitioner

- \$12,000 to Links2Care in a partnership agreement, and

- \$500 for the Ballinafad Community Hall

At a future meeting, council will deal with a request for \$15,341 for tourism services and a \$7,800 request from the Willow Park Ecology steering committee.

A reading safari

This summer, reading with a flashlight under the covers and imagining lions and tigers and monkeys, will be a fun way for kids to keep up with their reading skills thanks to the TD Summer Reading Club. TD encourages kids to embrace the joys of reading – and this summer, they'll explore the jungle of their imagination!

Now in its 15th year, the TD Summer Read-

ing Club in partnership with the Toronto Public Library and Library and Archives Canada, launched its 2010 program earlier this week. Kids across Canada are invited to take a journey to "Destination Jungle," where tales of exotic lands and tropical environments will inspire them and their families to read more during the summer months.

The TD Summer Reading Club is Canada's

largest reading club, and this summer, kids in participating areas can visit their local public library to start exploring - the jungle! This year's "Destination Jungle" theme will take readers on an imaginative and educational adventure about safaris, wild animals and far away places. Each age group has its own age appropriate reading list, which eliminates any guesswork for book selections.

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