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RENOVATION PROJECT

- 407 Pine Street renovation to allow for relocation of Administration and Support Services staff
- Design approved for new Children's Department (to be relocated in the lower level of the library)
- New Teen Area to be established adjacent to newly designed browsing / reading area
- Design approved for expanded collection space for fiction and non-fiction
- Phase 1 of the project under direction of Genivar, and by PM Contracting early 2006 when Phase II begins



Chief Librarian, Leslie Fitch, spearheaded the expansion plans



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Our five most requested books in January

A Million Little Pieces by James Frey. This is the book that fooled Oprah by reading like an autobiography. Libraries are debating about whether it should be in fiction or non-fiction!

S is for Silence by Sue Grafton. Yet another Kinsey Millhone mystery novel. Those of us who enjoy this series are dreading "Z".

Mary, Mary by James Patterson. This Alex Cross mystery takes the FBI agent to L.A. to investigate the murder of a beautiful celebrity - is there any other kind?

Predator by Patricia Cornwell. Dr. Kay Scarpetta is all "snarky professional reserve and personal insecurity" in this newest mystery novel by a master of the genre.

A Breath of Snow and Ashes by Diana Gabaldon. This sixth book in the Outlander series finds time-travelling Claire Randall and Highlander Jamie Fraser in America in the years leading up to the 1776 Revolution. It's about time

Chief Librarian's Remarks: January 2006

Welcome to the new Milton Public Library monthly news page. Many thanks to the Milton Canadian Champion for coming up with the idea and making it work! We very much appreciate the support of the Champion.

We will use this space each month to keep you up-to-date with what's going on at the library, provide reviews of new material, answer any questions you may have, and more.

In this issue, you will find information taken from our 2005 Annual Report, including highlights about the renovation process currently underway.

At the end point of the renovation, you will find an expanded and relocated Children's Library (on the lowest level of the library - see the picture of the space in progress), a Teen Area, an expanded browsing area, and more room for all types of library materials. In the last stages of the renovation phases, it will be necessary for the library to be closed to the public for one week, and I apologize in advance for the inconvenience this will pose. We will confirm the week soon (but I can tell

you that we anticipate being closed for either the last week of February or the first full week of March: re-opening in time for March Break).

It would be remiss not to thank you all for your interest and support in our celebrations of Milton Public Library's Sesquicentennial Year in 2005. It was a wonderful way to spend our 150th Birthday Year, and we treasure our reminders of the year, including the wonderful quilted wall hanging, the commissioned watercolour, the children's book-related felt panels, and the 150 Reasons to Love the Library poster. The parties and get togethers we shared with you were terrific punctuations to the year (beginning with Ringing in the New Year at Victoria Park to the special "Sesqui" celebration). Being named Library of the Month for our terrific Teen Page was icing on the cake.

I look forward to talking with you again next month,

Leslie Fitch

Chief Librarian

2005 Financial

Revenue Where the money comes from...	
Town of Milton	\$1,778,285
Province of Ontario	\$52,427
Special Grants	\$4,432
Other	\$76,365

Expenditures Where the money goes...	
Buying books, DVDs, compact discs, magazines, electronic resources etc., and materials for processing:	\$192,549
Support Services	\$68,628
Building Costs	\$175,397
Staff, Benefits, Training	\$1,474,935

Upcoming Events

2006 Projects

- Grand opening of renovated children's, teen and browsing areas
- Launch of new e-audio book collection
- Launch of new DVD music and anime collection
- Start of new Saturday morning children's drop-in programs
- Destiny Milton II - Library Master Plan completion
- Library Branch planning and development

Usage Statistics

	2004	2005
Books	273,246	275,930
Magazines (in-house & on-line)	20,003	20,202
Audio Cassettes	6,541	4,886
Compact Discs	19,674	25,464
Video Cassettes	53,807	46,796
DVDs	33,222	42,277
Questions asked and answered	31,142	35,828
Public Internet Uses	14,432	15,870
		3074 new patrons registered



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