

Library donation to 'inspire'

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The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library received a donation of \$10,000 from the Stouffville Lions Club for children's equipment on Thursday, Oct. 6. The donation comes just before the start of the library's expansion later this year.

"The library has always been a passion of ours, we've always supported the library," said Stouffville Lions Club membership chair John Relph. "Children's literacy is something very near and dear to our hearts so seeing that the library was about to embark on its expansion, we felt it was something we could help out with."

The donation money will be used to purchase two AfterSchool Edge computer systems which are Early Literacy Stations for children ages 6 to 12. The systems offer auditory, visual, tactile and kinesthetic learning methods and homework assistance.

The donation is also part of the Lions Club Centennial Legacy Project. Next year, Lions Club International will celebrate its 100th year and the legacy projects celebrate the occasion by helping local communities.

The library's planned major expansion is underway this fall and winter season as part of the leisure centre expansion approved earlier this year by town council. The project is entirely funded by the town.

Library board fundraising committee chair Bill Slovitt says the library board appreciates the town's support with the expansion project but help from the community is necessary for "extras that will not fit within the planned budget." Relph concurs that it's important for the community to support the library and hopes the donation will "inspire other people to see what they can do."

The library is asking for other community groups, business or residents that are interested in supporting the expansion project to contact the library's CEO, Carolyn Nordheimer-James at carolyn.nordheimer@wsp-library.ca or 905-642-7323 ext. 5223.

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