



Markham Public Library Board Annual Presentation 2023

General Committee

Monday, April 11, 2023

Outlining the achievements of the Library over the
term of the Library Board



Markham Public Library 2019-2022 Board Highlights

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Markham Public Library Board



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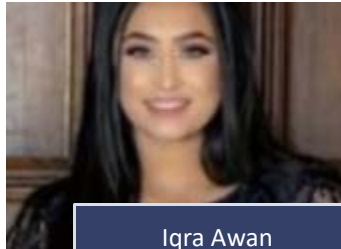
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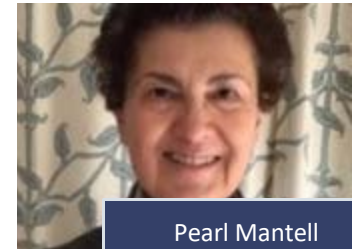
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Agenda

Role of the Library Board

Alignment

Achievements

Looking Ahead

Role of the Library Board

- The Library Board is a **statutory board**, created by the Municipality, pursuant to the Public Libraries Act.
- Board members are appointed for a **4-year term** concurrent with the Council's term of office.
- Our role is to govern the affairs of the Library, provide **oversight and accountability**, and advance the Library's mission and impact.
- The Board acts as an **advocate in support of community interest** and ensures that the community's requests regarding library services are addressed through the planning and budgeting process, and
- We ensure that Municipal **Council is informed** of the library's role in the community, its accomplishments, needs and future direction.

Alignment with Building Markham's Future Together



GOAL 1:
Exceptional
Services by
Exceptional
People

GOAL 2:

Engaged, Diverse,
Thriving & Vibrant
City



GOAL 3:

Safe, Sustainable
& Complete
Community

GOAL 4:
Stewardship of
Money &
Resources



1. READING AND LITERACY



2. PLACES AND SPACES



3. DIGITAL LITERACY



Library Achievements 2019-2022
Across Three Areas of Strategic Focus



1. Reading and Literacy

3.7 million items borrowed in 2022



Family Literacy Day

An annual event to explore fun learning activities and experience the power of stories.



Congratulations!

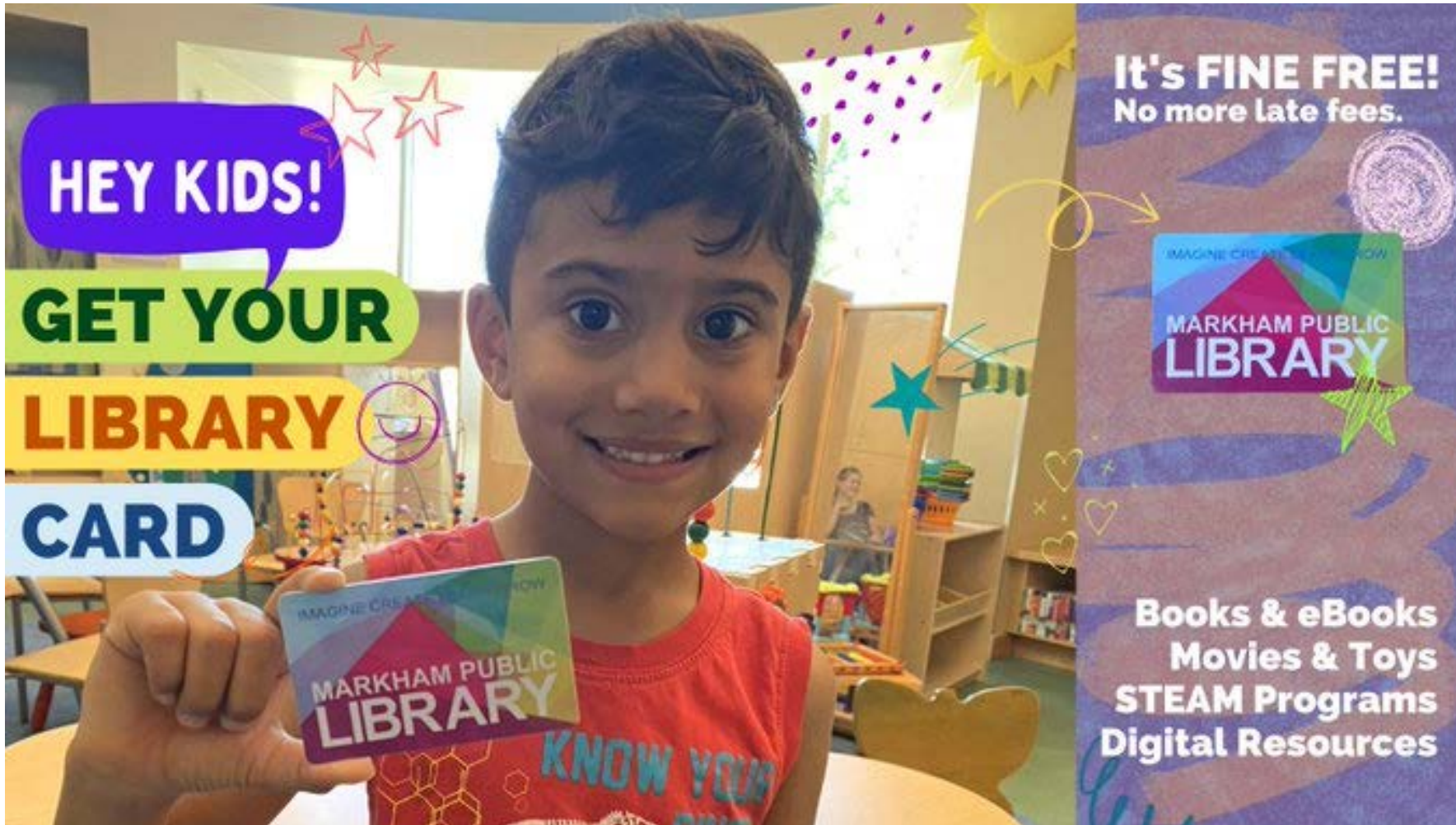
Markham Public Library

was voted the

#1

Family Activities in Markham

Fine-Free Cards for Youth



**Over 11,000
Youth Cards
issued!**

Libraries Going Beyond the Book



MPL launched the Lendery in collaboration with York Region Sustainability Office and York Region Makers offering household equipment, tools and sports equipment.

BICYCLES AND CYCLING EQUIPMENT



TOY LIBRARY



MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



Innovation in Library Lending

Other examples of library lending include bikes, toys and musical instruments.

DIGITAL MEDIA EQUIPMENT



AUTISM SUPPORT



DEMENTIA SUPPORT



Innovation in Library Lending 2022

In 2022 we expanded our collection of Digital Media Lab equipment, added collections that support individuals on the autism spectrum and launched a collection for older adults dealing with dementia.



2. Places and Spaces

1.1 million people visited library branches in 2022



Library Branches

As the community recovers from the impacts of the pandemic our library branches are more important than ever for social gathering and recovery from learning loss.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



SOCIAL COHESION



YOUTH



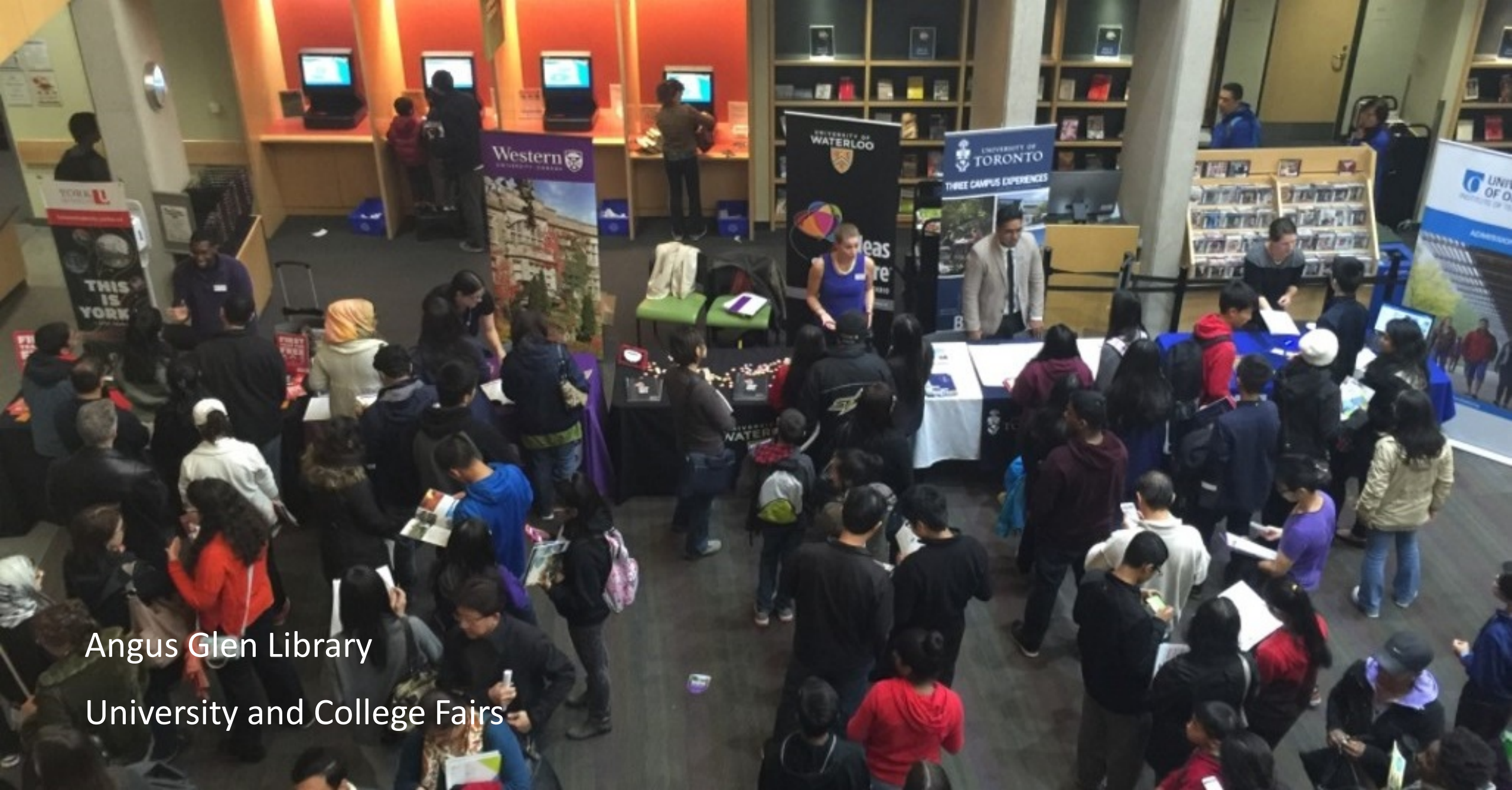
Where City-Building Happens

Community engagement and connection need places



A Central Library

As the Markham Centre Secondary Plan is updated the Library Board has advocated for a central library in Markham's downtown. As has occurred in other cities the Board envisions a central library that would position Markham as a vibrant urban city and be a driver in economic prosperity.



Angus Glen Library
University and College Fairs



REPAIR CAFES



Trail Project

Supporting businesses on our heritage main streets and enhancing enjoyment of Markham's outstanding trail system.

ENHANCING QUALITY OF OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES



DESTINATION MARKHAM – ENHANCING TOURIST EXPERIENCE



LEARNING ABOUT INDIGENOUS HISTORY



Trail Project Supports Multiple Municipal Priorities



3. Digital Literacy

A new kind of literacy

Essential to success of the Digital Markham Strategy

Get an eCard

Instant Free Access to MPL's Digital Collections



Sign Up Now

Launched eCards

**Access to Digital
Collections from Home,
School and Office**

Recent Achievements – Digital Literacy

**LAUNCHED ASKMPL
ONLINE CHAT SERVICE**



Have a Question? *Ask MPL*

KIDS MAKERSPACE



**SOUND RECORDING/
PODCAST STUDIO**



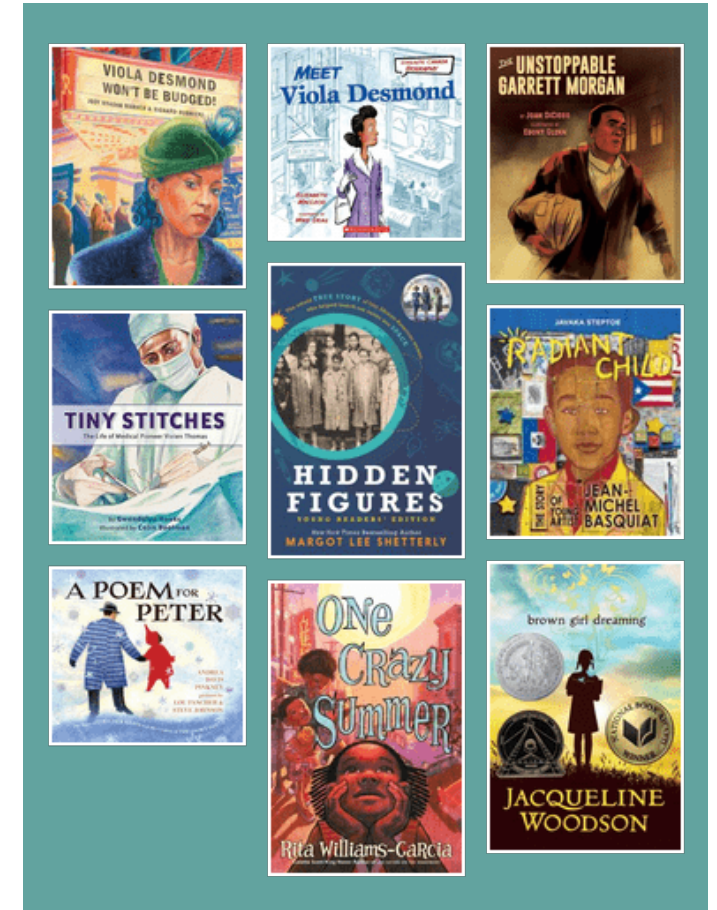
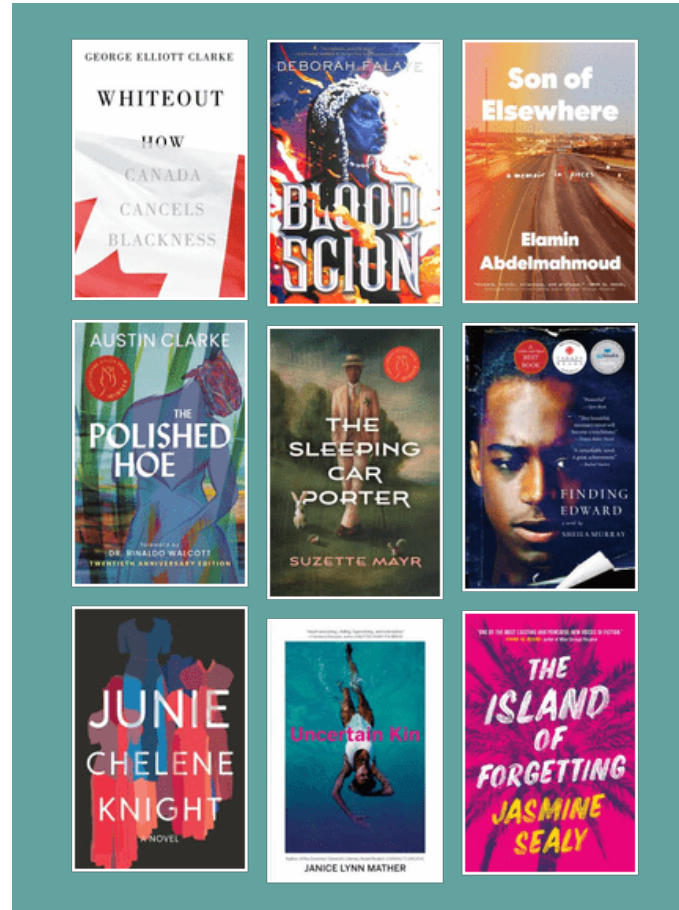


Looking Ahead to Continuing our Recovery

- Library visits are increasing.
- Our programs are more popular than ever.
- Community demand for our summer camp programs runs high – on Day 1 of registration, the camps were 99% full.



Black Heritage Collection Launch





Thank you

Questions?