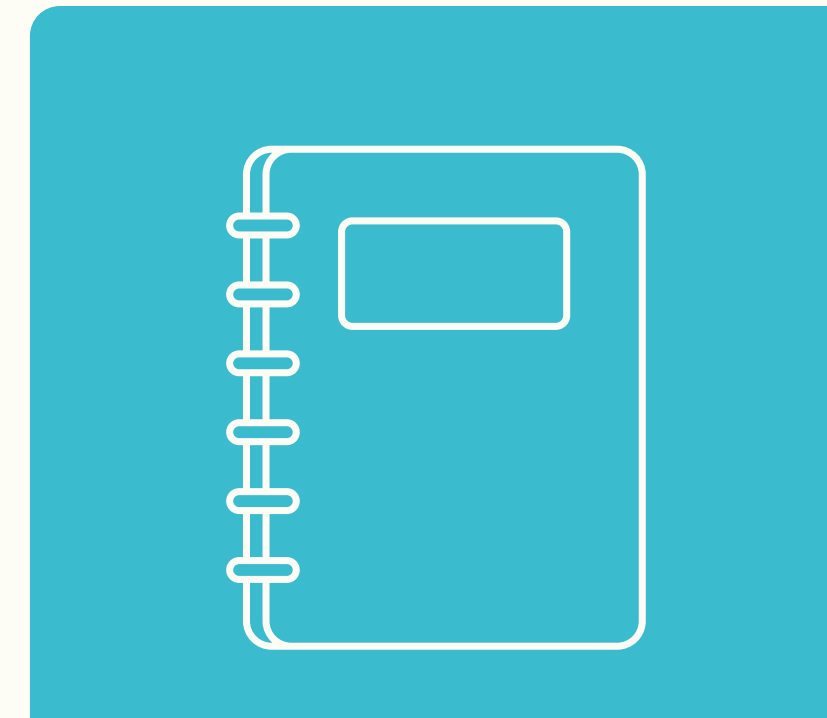
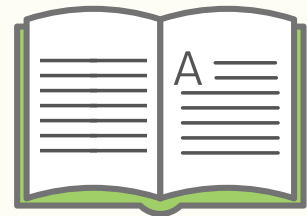


2025 Achievement Report



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2025 Library Usage at a Glance



4.5M

Items Borrowed



2.4M

In Person Visits



5.2M

Website Visits



87K

Program Attendees



7.5K

Programs Held



59.1K

Database Sessions Used



18.1K

New Customers Added



1.5K

Makerspace Bookings

Programming Highlights

MPL offers thousands of programs each year for people of all ages and abilities. In 2025, we delivered **3,108 programs**, welcoming more than **78.5K attendees**.

Here are just some highlights of **2025** programs:

Markham Reads 2025



In 2025, Markham Reads featured **12 engaging programs** that brought together **174 participants** from across the community.

Seniors Garden Party



Over **100 seniors** attended the Seniors Garden Party at Thornhill Village Library, enjoying activities, refreshments, and the chance to connect with others.

MPL Film Festival



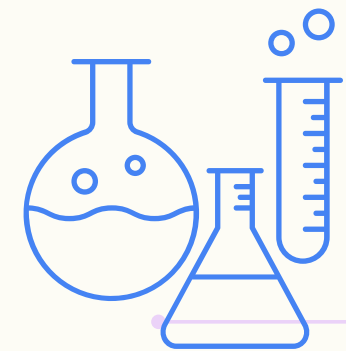
MPL launched its first Film Festival, drawing **150+ attendees** to celebrate film, creativity, and community connection.



Girls in STEAM



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In its second year, **Girls in STEAM** continued to inspire young learners through hands-on STEAM programming.

Early Literacy Programs



In 2025, MPL delivered **1,054 early literacy programs**, supporting foundational reading and learning skills for **22.5K children** and caregivers.

Youth Science Fair



The Markham Youth Science Exhibition brought together **844 participants** to celebrate youth-led science, creativity, and discovery.

A total of **743 people** participated in the Wellness Fair, highlighting strong community interest in health and wellness resources.

Wellness Fair



Small Business Market



The Small Business Market welcomed **1,575 attendees** and featured **18 vendors**, including two youth entrepreneurs and 11 women-run businesses.

AI Programs



Hosted eight AI-focused programs engaging over **200 participants**.

Back to School Giveaway



The second annual Back-to-School Giveaway received positive feedback from the community.

Black Owned Market



MPL teamed up with over **32 local vendors** to launch the first Black-Owned Market, engaging more than **2,100 attendees** and celebrating local entrepreneurship.

MPL Camps



Facilitated **75 different camps**, offering a wide range of activities and learning experiences for children and youth.

Reading Buddies at Senior Centre



MPL hosted **4 Reading Buddies sessions** at the local Senior Centre, engaging **59 participants** in shared reading experiences.

Championing Digital Literacy

In 2025, MPL continued to strengthen Markham's digital skills and literacy through STEAM, coding, and robotics programs and camps, engaging **1,073 participants** across **76 programs**.



Coding



STEM Sessions



Makerspace

In 2025, MPL's Makerspace continued to be a hub for creativity and innovation, hosting **1,551 bookings** totaling **3,434 hours** and engaging **2,365 participants** in programs focused on technology, STEAM, and hands-on learning.

The Cornell Makerspace also received a major expansion on the second floor, providing additional space, equipment, and resources to support makers of all ages and skill levels.

These improvements allowed MPL to offer even more opportunities for experimentation, skill-building, and collaborative projects, strengthening its role as a key destination for learning and innovation in the community.



Community Engagement

MPL's first-ever Blind Bag project was a huge success! Over the course of just three weeks, more than **3,500 blind bags** were picked up by enthusiastic customers. The initiative received overwhelmingly positive feedback from both customers and staff.

Social posts shared across MPL channels and partnering influencers reached **over 121K views** and generated more than **6K engagements**, further amplifying the excitement and impact of the campaign.



Community Engagement

MPL continues to engage the community in creative and meaningful ways, from hosting a bookmark contest that received **over 300 entries** to launching its first-ever Green Library project.

We also celebrated another successful year of Family FunFest, bringing together families for a day of hands-on activities, learning, and fun.



Green Library Project



Bookmark Contest



Family Fun Fest



Community Engagement

Connected with schools and community groups at **90 outreach events**. Over **12.8K people** attended our outreach events.

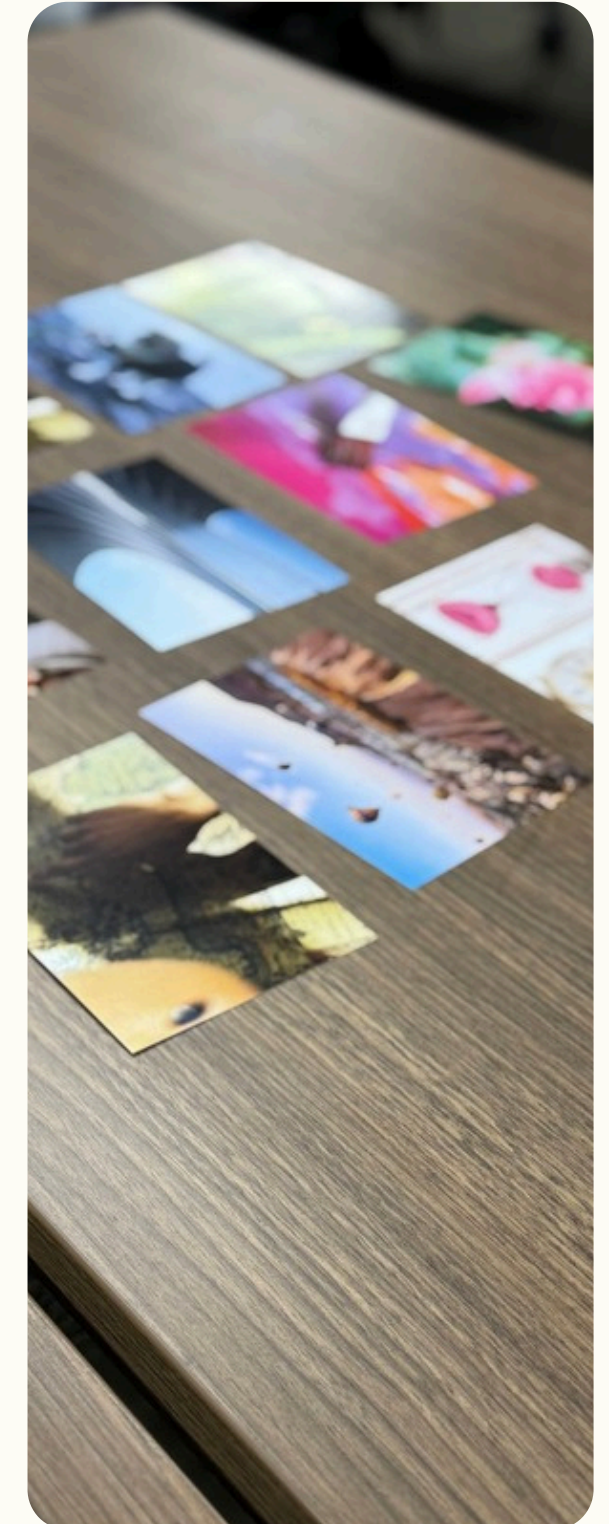
We partnered with **over 120 community partners** to enrich and transform the lives of Markham residents through programs and events.



Community Engagement

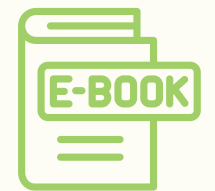
In 2025, MPL started the development of our strategic plan for the coming years, gathering input from the community through a series of surveys and in-person consultations.

In total, these efforts reached **over 10K people**, providing valuable feedback to help shape future programs, services, and initiatives that meet the needs of our community.



New Collections and Resources

In 2025, MPL launched its first-ever Sensory Pop-Up, a rotating collection across branches featuring a curated collection of sensory toys and resources designed to support children and adults with sensory needs. This initiative provides hands-on opportunities for learning, play, and exploration in an inclusive and welcoming environment.



Sensory Toy Pop Up

About MPL

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Our Vision:

At your library, Markham comes together to imagine, create, learn and grow as individuals, neighbourhoods and a City. Everyone in Markham benefits from exceptional library experiences and intellectual pursuits through reading, studying, exploring ideas, solving problems, gaining knowledge, engaging in civic discourse, and connecting with others to build social cohesion and create Markham's shared future. The Library is a place where nobody is left behind. Those living and working in the City are inspired and transformed as they experience library services, spaces and curated resources in ways that are uniquely meaningful to them.

Our Mission:

We are your library, connecting you to lifelong learning, the world's knowledge, cultural experiences, community building, personal growth and greater opportunities. We champion the transformational power of reading. We are a force for inclusivity, ensuring equity of access to welcoming spaces, resources and opportunities and upholding democratic values that empower you for success as engaged global citizens. We enhance the educational experience, focusing on the development of key literacies in reading, digital skills, mathematics and sciences so that you can be resilient in an increasingly complex and dynamic world.

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Angus Glen Library

3990 Major Mackenzie Drive E, Markham, L6C 1P8

Cornell Library

3201 Bur Oak Avenue, Markham L6B 0T2

Markham Village Library

6031 Highway 7, Markham L3P 3A7

Milliken Mills Library

7600 Kennedy Road, Unit 1, Markham L3R 9S5

Thornhill C.C. Library

7755 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill L3T 4P1

Thornhill Village Library

10 Colborne Street, Thornhill L3T 1Z6

Unionville Library

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