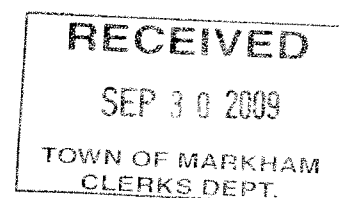




## MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY



September 26, 2009

Ms. Kimberley Kitteringham  
Town Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Markham  
101 Town Centre Blvd.  
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Ms. Kitteringham,

Attention: Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Members of Council

Subject: Proclamation of Ontario Public Library Week, October 18 - 24, 2009

The Library Board would like to request Council proclaim the week of October 18 - 24, 2009 as Ontario Public Library Week in Markham. This year's theme "*Libraries: The World at Your Fingertips*" invites the community to explore their public library and make sure they are making the most of the fabulous resources available.

Each year, during the third week of October, public libraries across the province celebrate Ontario Public Library Week. A strong library system is the cornerstone of a strong community. Ontario Public Library Week recognizes the important contribution Ontario's public libraries make to education, literacy and life-long learning in Ontario communities. Library staff have organized a variety of programs to celebrate Ontario Public Library Week including programs and contests for adults and children.

In 2008 more than 2 million visits were made to the branches of Markham Public Library with another 934,000 visits to MPL's website. New Canadians came to our libraries to learn about their new country and to stay connected with their home country. Young families came to storytime and Early Years programs for entertainment and to meet other young families. In the process children developed the early literacy skills that are critical to their later success. Teens met at the library to socialize, used the internet and studied. While visiting the library they found the latest bestsellers and movies. They discovered that MPL offers resources in many formats and languages. They found books, large print materials and audiobooks in print and electronic formats. They found DVDs, music CDs, CD-ROM software, videogames, heritage documents and quality online databases. They discovered that Markham Public Library is a dynamic centre of formal and informal learning. They discovered that Markham Public Library is the place where Markham's communities come together to imagine, learn and grow.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued support of the Markham Public Library.

Sincerely,

Catherine Biss  
Chief Executive Officer/Secretary-Treasurer  
Town of Markham Public Library Board



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**WHEREAS** libraries are partners in fostering lifelong learning, playing a vital role in helping our community access the information and tools that they need to live, learn and work;

**WHEREAS** libraries help the community develop the skills required to find and evaluate information in order to adapt and succeed in a knowledge-based economy;

**WHEREAS** libraries bolster economic prosperity by providing access to essential decision-making information for organizations and businesses;

**WHEREAS** libraries enhance the quality of life for all Canadians, and help ensure that our culture continues to flourish and thrive;

**Therefore I,**

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**FRANK SCARPITTI**  
**Mayor of Markham**

**Proclaim**

October 18 - 24, 2009

to be

**Ontario Public Library Week**

under the theme

*Libraries: The World At Your Fingertips*

And I encourage every person to use the Library this week  
and throughout the year.