

# 2018 Partnerships List

**Major Partnerships** – well established and strategic partnerships.

| Partner/Organization   | Project/Program   | Brief Description   |
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| <b>Best Start Network/<br/>Learning &amp;<br/>Mobilization Network</b> | Membership -<br>Best Start<br>Network                   | <p>The Hamilton Best Start Network is comprised of members and community partners from over 50 organizations. In 2017, the Best Start Network transitioned to the Learning &amp; Mobilization Network. The goal of the Network is to promote the well-being of families and children prenatal to 12 by helping them reach their full potential.</p> <p>HPL was a founding member of the Best Start Network and has participated and supported its work for over 10 years.</p> |
| <b>Centre for Equitable<br/>Library Access<br/>(CELA)</b>              | Membership -<br>Access to<br>Collections &<br>Book Club | <p>Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) is a national not-for-profit organization run by public libraries for public libraries. More than 600 public library systems across Canada are currently members of CELA.</p> <p>CELA's collections and services are available to HPL customers with print disabilities. Customers have access to more than 300,000 items in accessible formats including audio, braille, and electronic text.</p>                              |
| <b>COH -<br/>Neighbourhood<br/>Development<br/>Strategy</b>            | Xperience Annex   | <p>Learning Annex is designed to connect at-risk youth to education and employment services beyond traditional college courses and student support. Funding is coming from the Province as part of Poverty Reduction funding.</p> <p>HPL Staff were consulted on the Learning Annex concept and are a committed partner in its implementation. The Learning Annex is located at Central on the 4th Floor.</p>   |
| <b>Early Literacy<br/>Hamilton</b>                                     | Membership -<br>Early Literacy<br>Hamilton              | <p>Early Literacy Hamilton's (ELH) goal is to: strengthen, support and promote early literacy and language development within our communities.</p> <p>HPL works with ELH to advocate for and promote programs that: bring books and children together in a meaningful way; help children to be ready to learn and be successful at school; improve literacy</p>   |

rates in the community; support families and caregivers, including those from diverse cultural, ethnic and linguistic backgrounds, in their role of developing early literacy in the children; support and bring together community groups and agencies from diverse sectors to develop early literacy programs and initiatives; always aim to be a partner in coordinating children's initiatives in this community; and work to identify and bridge gaps in literacy service delivery.

**Employment & Social Development Canada**

Grant Funding - New Horizons for Seniors: Creative Aging

Employment & Social Development Canada (ESDC) through the New Horizon's program are empowering seniors, encouraging them to share their knowledge, skills and experience with others in the community, and enhancing seniors' social well-being and community vitality.

HPL in 2017 created programs for Marginalized Seniors at Central and Barton, notably the Older Adult Social Club. For 2018 we have focused on our Dementia Friendly libraries initiative.

**First Book Canada**

Donation - First Book Canada

First Book Canada (FBC) makes new books available to children from lower income households. First Book Canada has distributed more than 4.5 million books and educational resources to programs and schools serving children from low-income families throughout Canada. First Book Canada's goal is to transform the lives of children in need and elevate the quality of education by making new, high-quality books available on an ongoing basis.

HPL uses books from FBC for summer reading and literacy program giveaways.

**Hamilton Arts Council**

Various Projects

The Hamilton Arts Council is a member driven organization with a vision to strengthen the role of the arts and culture in the City of Hamilton by making the arts accessible and relevant to the entire community.

HPL is a long standing member of the Hamilton Arts Council and collaborates on the annual Culture Days programming and literary initiatives.

**Hamilton Association for the Advancement of Literature Science and Art (HAALSA)**

Funding and Program - Public Lecture Series and Power of the Pen Prizes

Founded in 1857, the Hamilton Association (HAALSA) is one of Canada's oldest independent not-for-profit cultural organizations. The primary focus is the presentation each year of a series of free public lectures. In addition the association encourages interest in literature, science and music through the support of four awards.

HPL hosts free public lectures and the annual HAALSA literary awards are presented in conjunction with the HPL's Power of the Pen contest.

**Hamilton Community Foundation**

Funding

Hamilton Community Foundation (HCF) holds several trust funds for HPL from donors that have contributed to the funds.

HCF is a longtime partner with the Hamilton Public Library and frequently provides funds for projects.

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| <b>Hamilton Gallery of Distinction</b>                           | Hamilton Gallery of Distinction                               | <p>The Hamilton Gallery of Distinction Board of Directors meets monthly and organizes an annual awards evening.</p> <p>HPL plays a vital role not only at the board level but also with the selection process. The Local History and Archives Department researches background information on each of the nominations which is then copied and given to the selection committee.</p>  |
| <b>Hamilton Health Sciences - Regional Rehabilitation Centre</b> | Partner Program - DISP  | <p>Hamilton Health Sciences - Regional Rehabilitation Centre opened in 2009 and consolidated rehabilitation and acquired brain injury services previously located in 14 different buildings across the city into one building. The services are tailored to meet the needs of all rehabilitation patients. HPL and HHS partnered to create the Disability Information Service Program (DISP) to provide free, confidential information and customized answers to inquiries about a wide range of issues relating to disability and life in the community. Shared funding for one staff person to work at the Central Library and the General Hospital's Regional Rehabilitation Centre to provide disability information.</p> |
| <b>Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board</b>         | Outreach Programs   | <p>The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board and the Hamilton Public Library share the vision of students achieving their full potential and further, share the values of respect, innovation and accountability.</p> <p>HPL and HWCDSB share formal partnership outlining class visits, program promotion, partner programs and resources.</p>   |
| <b>Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board</b>                  | Outreach Programs   | <p>The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and the Hamilton Public Library share the vision of students achieving their full potential.</p> <p>HWDSB and HPL share a formal partnership outlining class visits, program promotion, partner programs and resources.</p>   |
| <b>Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)</b>       | Funding - Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) | <p>Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) facilitates the arrival of immigrants, provides protection to refugees, and offers programming to help newcomers settle in Canada. Annually, Hamilton Public Library receives funding of approximately \$250K from IRCC for our LINC programs that support the successful integration of newcomers to Hamilton.</p>  |
| <b>Industry Education Council (IEC)</b>                          | Program and Support - Industry Education Council              | <p>The Industry Education Council (IEC) is a longstanding organization focused on ensuring a future workforce for Hamilton. It receives funding from the City, school boards and post-secondary institutions and relies heavily on grant funding as well. Recently the emphasis has been on establishing opportunities for experiential learning, mentorship and entrepreneurship. Mission: to foster partnerships among industry, business, education and other community groups in Greater</p>  |

Hamilton, that support experiential opportunities for all learners by developing quality industry, business, education partnerships; Enhancing career development opportunities for all learners; Facilitating the discovery of viable pathways for all learners.

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| <b>Information Hamilton</b>  | Support - Technology & Facilities             | <p>Information Hamilton connects people with the services and resources they need. They gather, organize, and share information about community and government services in Hamilton. Their goal is to improve access to human services for all people through the mechanism of Information and Referral (I&amp;R).</p> <p>HPL provides Information Hamilton with office space at the Central Library and some technology support.</p>  |
| <b>Les Chater YMCA</b>   | Operations and Maintenance Agreement          | <p>Les Chater YMCA and HPL's Turner Park branch share facilities and cross-promote programs at the Rymal Road facility.</p>  |
| <b>McMaster Children and Youth University</b>                      | McMaster Children and Youth University (MCYU) | <p>The McMaster Children &amp; Youth University (MCYU) was launched in 2011 and offers programming for interactive, family-based discovery. MCYU's guiding philosophy is: Question the world around you, Discover your potential, and Create effective solutions.</p> <p>MCYU offers free lectures for young students (7-14 years old), to spark their curiosity and expose them to the university environment. Speakers present topics about science, arts, social science and more. These fun, kid-friendly lectures provide the opportunity to learn from a real professor, find out what it feels like to be on campus, and get a taste of what university life is like.</p> |
| <b>McMaster University - English Department</b>                    | Partner Program - Writer-in-Residence         | <p>McMaster University and Hamilton Public Library have partnered since 2013 on the Mabel Pugh Taylor Writer-in-Residence program. For 2017/18, Gary Barwin is the Writer-Residence (WiR). Based on funding, the WiR program is a four month or eight month residency. Both partners commit to funding the program for four months and apply to the Canada Council for the Arts for an additional four months of funding.</p>  |
| <b>Mohawk College - Community Access and Engagement Department</b> | City School by Mohawk                         | <p>City School by Mohawk is a community-based initiative that aims to break down the barriers to education and employment. City School by Mohawk focuses on developing specialized learning programs, workshops and services that will encourage gradual steps to a postsecondary pathway.</p> <p>HPL provides space and resources to City School on Central's 4th floor. There is future potential for City School to offer programs at HPL branches in target neighbourhoods.</p>  |
| <b>Music Industry</b>  | Hamilton Music                                | <p>The Hamilton Music Industry Committee is a working team with a mandate that includes</p>  |

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| <b>Committee</b>   | Advisory Committee                              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Providing advice on the goals and priorities of the music industry to help support economic prosperity, growth, culture and tourism</li> <li>2. Promote Hamilton's music industry by monitoring and advising on marketing strategies to strengthen the viability of the music sector.</li> <li>3. Acting as a point of contact for members of the music community regarding issues affecting Hamilton and to help inform Council of issues and achievements.</li> </ol> <p>Members include: City of Hamilton Economic Development, City of Hamilton Tourism, HPO, Dr Disc, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, Mohawk College, Hamilton Musicians Guild, Casbah, Live Nation, local musicians, entrepreneurs and community members</p> |
| <b>Social Planning and Research Council (SPRC)</b>         | Program Partner - Neighbourhood Action Strategy | SPRC manages the Neighbourhood Developers working in identified hubs. Social research source. HPL actively supports and participates at the local level of all the Neighbourhood Action Teams.   |
| <b>Start2Finish</b>  | Program - Start2Finish Annual Backpack Program  | Start2Finish's mission is to break the cycle of child poverty by providing ongoing educational support to Canada's at risk children throughout their school years, nurturing mind, body and social health so they are empowered to succeed and become role models for change. Start2Finish offers a backpack distribution program, reading and running programs at Hamilton schools, scholarships and a leadership program for high school students.   |
| <b>Telling Tales Festival</b>                              | Partner Program - Telling Tales Festival        | HPL is one of the three founding partners of the Telling Tales Festival. In partnership with the Rotary Club of Hamilton and the Hamilton Conservation Authority and many other community partners, we host the one day free literacy festival at Westfield Heritage Village the third Sunday in September.  |
| <b>Wesley Urban Ministries</b>                             | Partner Program - Community Resource Worker     | <p>Wesley Urban Ministries' programs focus on their mission of decreasing barriers and increasing opportunities for those in need in downtown Hamilton.</p> <p>HPL works with Wesley Urban Ministries to provide and support Community Research Worker (CRW) services.</p>   |
| <b>YMCA - Employment, Education and Immigrant Services</b> | Program - Community Connections                 | <p>Located in the heart of downtown Hamilton, YMCA Immigrant &amp; Employment Services is headquarters to a comprehensive level of services for new immigrants to Hamilton. Additionally YMCA Employment Services is a full-service drop-in career centre supporting Hamiltonians in their careers as well as employers looking for skilled help.</p> <p>YMCA staff assists with English Conversation Circles as well as one-to-one settlement services for newcomers with HPL.</p>  |

**Local or Emerging Partnerships** – many of the emerging partnerships may become long-term major partnerships if they prove successful. Local partners have been included as a sample to provide a sense of the breadth and depth of HPL’s work in the local community.

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| <b>Alzheimer Society</b>   | Programs - Dementia Friendly Programming   | <p>The Alzheimer Society of Canada provides the tools, education and information to develop dementia-friendly communities.</p> <p>HPL's Dementia Friendly Library Initiative which began in 2018 supports designing new specific dementia-friendly programs and adapt current library programs so that they are more dementia-friendly. By moving in this direction the library will be working toward improving public awareness and reducing stigma. It is consistent with and builds on the Canadian Dementia Friends initiative.</p> |
| <b>Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre</b>                        | Outreach Programs - Book Club and programs | <p>Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre (ASAC) is a space where older adults can increase social contacts, attain new knowledge, participate in recreational activities and find opportunities to achieve a total sense of wellbeing.</p> <p>HPL leads two book clubs at the ASAC, while ASAC staff provide exercise and health-related programs at the library.</p>   |
| <b>Art Gallery of Hamilton</b>                                   | Program - Book Club                        | <p>The Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH), founded in 1914, is the oldest and largest art museum in southwestern Ontario with one of the finest permanent collections in Canada. The AGH is an open and engaging social nexus, a thought-provoking context for the exchange of ideas through art.</p> <p>HPL offers art themed book clubs with the AGH highlighting fiction and non-fiction titles. One program is held at Central and the other is held at the AGH.</p>  |
| <b>Art Gallery of Hamilton - Art &amp; Storytelling Projects</b> | Project - Water Stories                    | <p>In partnership with the Art Gallery of Hamilton for their current water stewardship exhibition Water Works, LH&amp;A is collecting stories as part of Love Your City, Share Your Stories. AGH’s outreach exhibition RESERVOIR: Stories of Water includes images from LH&amp;A, which are serving as the backdrop for the story recording, and a video of some early collected Water stories are shown on a TV.</p>  |
| <b>BASEF - Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair</b>             | Science and Engineering Fair               | <p>Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair (BASEF) is an organization that promotes STEM project-based science and student research through an annual science fair competition. The fair targets students grade 7-12 independently or through school boards.</p>   |

HPL and BASEF are partnering to promote STEM learning and student innovation. The participants can leverage library resources to create and research their projects. The library also promotes the fair to encourage students to innovate and share their ideas at the fair. Partnership activities include: promoting the Makerspace and providing free trials to students; Promoting the fair and displaying student projects as a showcase to encourage interest in STEM.

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| <b>Boys and Girls Clubs of Hamilton</b> | Physical Literacy Committee                           | <p>Through life-changing programs, community-based services, and relationships with peers and caring adults, Boys and Girls Clubs help children and youth develop the skills they need to succeed.</p> <p>HPL participates on the Physical Literacy Committee. The Committee's mandate is to promote awareness of the importance of physical literacy for children and families.</p>   |
| <b>Bryan Prince Bookseller</b>          | Program - Author Readings                             | <p>Bryan Prince Bookseller is a locally owned independent bookstore located in Westdale Village.</p> <p>Bryan Prince has a long history of involvement with HPL and the local community. As part of our ongoing relationship, we happily advertise and support each other's literary programs.</p>   |
| <b>Cable 14</b>                         | Media Program - Flashbacks                            | <p>Cable 14 is a division of TV Hamilton Limited, an independent Community Programming Network.</p> <p>HPL partnered with the Hamilton Spectator, theSpec.com and Cable 14 to do a series of 30 minute local history programs. Flashbacks airs on Cable 14 and is posted to the Local History &amp; Archives microsite. The program hosted by Spectator reporter and musician, Mark McNeil and former HPL archivist, Margaret Houghton.</p>          |
| <b>Centre français</b>                  | Program - Club de Lecture français (French Book Club) | <p>Le Centre français Hamilton is a multidisciplinary centre that connects the Hamilton Francophone community.</p> <p>The Club de Lecture français is a long-standing partnership between HPL and the Centre français. The Centre français provides financial support for the annual purchase of several French language book club kits added to HPL's collections. The Club de Lecture français book club meetings are held at Central Library.</p> |
| <b>Chamber Music Hamilton</b>           | Program - Concert Series                              | <p>Chamber Music Hamilton (CMH) is a well-respected presenter of string quartets, string quintets and piano trios, CMH also produces concerts, commissions new pieces of music and presents world premiere performances.</p>   |

In support of Hamilton City of Music Strategy and HPL's Music Strategy, CMH provides a range of musical experiences that highlight Chamber Music at HPL.

**CHCH**

Digitization  
CHCH archives

CHCH is an independent television station owned by Channel Zero in Hamilton, Ontario.

HPL and CHCH are working in partnership with community volunteers to digitize news footage from primarily the 1950s and 1960s in the CHCH archives. This formal partnership is in collaboration with CHCH and their parent company Channel Zero.

**COH - City  
Manager's Office  
Digital Strategy**

Smart City  
Initiative

Infrastructure Canada launched a Smart Cities Challenge encouraging communities to adopt a "smart cities" approach to improving the lives of residents through innovation, data and connected technology; the winning City will be awarded \$50 million. The City of Hamilton is preparing an initial application and pursuing a long term Smart City Strategy.

HPL will leverage our brand, infrastructure and staff expertise to complement our existing services with Hamilton's Smart City initiatives.

**COH - Civic  
Museums**

Donation -  
Summer Reading  
Club and  
Circulating  
Museum Passes

The City of Hamilton's Civic Museums allow anyone to experience six National Historic sites, family time at the Hamilton Children's Museum and arts, or the Steam & Technology museum

The Civic Museum pass program makes family passes for 4 available for circulation. Civic Museums also provide passes for Summer Read Club incentives.

**COH - EarlyON**

EarlyON

The City of Hamilton is aligning itself with Ontario's vision for the early years and child care. Child and Family Centres are intended to support all children, parents and caregivers in learning, growing and connecting together by having access to a range of high-quality, inclusive and affordable early years and child care programs and services.

In January 2018, the City of Hamilton assumed responsibility for managing the local EarlyON Child and Family Centre system (formerly Ontario Early Years Centres). The City of Hamilton is leading the transition of the City's EarlyON programs and services in collaboration with lead partner agencies. HPL hosts a number of mobile centres at branches and provides outreach at a number of community EarlyON sites.

**COH - Enterprise  
Management and  
Revenue Generation  
Corporation**

Funding -  
Sponsorships

Enterprise Management and Revenue Generation at the City of Hamilton supports the creation of new funding sources for the city.



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HPL continues to work with the COH Revenue Generation Team to receive funding.

**COH - Public Health Services, Tobacco Control Program**

Unfiltered Facts

Unfiltered Facts is a community partnership that seeks to promote, engage, unite and educate the public on health related issues like smoking and big tobacco.

HPL coordinates a variety of tobacco control activities that take place at our branches. Core activities include hosting the STOP program and the Unfiltered Facts meetings at Central Library.

**COH - Recreation**

Programs and Promotion

The City of Hamilton Parks & Recreation Department provides parks and recreation services to all Hamiltonians.

Parks & Recreation and HPL actively promote each other's programs and services in our program guides. In our shared facilities we work closely to facilitate services.

**COH - Small Business Enterprise Centre**

Program - Workshops for Youth and Adult Entrepreneurs

The Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) provides the information and tools that entrepreneurs need to grow their businesses. It operates as an arm of the Economic Development Division of the City of Hamilton. Staff there provide advice on starting and running a successful business-both for start-up and growing businesses.

HPL supports the centre by sharing its resources, for example: access to Lynda.com, and meeting with key stakeholders and supporting their activities.

**COH - Tourism and Culture Division**

Program - Digital Storytelling Project

COH Culture Department is a partner on the Love Your City, Share Your Stories project. Love Your City, Share Your Stories, an ongoing digital storytelling project featuring stories about Hamilton and Hamiltonians – both past and present.

**COH - Tourism and Culture Division**

Support - City Initiatives

LH&A provides research assistance and digital images for a variety of city initiatives including the Gore Park revitalization project and Hamilton's Music Strategy.

**COH - Urban Indigenous Strategy**

Various Projects

The City of Hamilton is developing an Urban Indigenous Strategy that will identify actions to strengthen the City's relationship with the Indigenous community. The strategy will help promote a better understanding among all residents about Indigenous histories, cultures, experiences and contributions.

HPL is working with the City of Hamilton's Urban Indigenous Strategy.

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| <b>COH - Youth Strategy</b>  | City of Hamilton Youth Strategy       | <p>The City of Hamilton's youth strategy will help to better understand the current service offerings internally and externally for youth, align youth work internally and externally with relevant frameworks, and identify common goals for city and community to work towards over the next 5 years.</p> <p>HPL is participating in the City of Hamilton's Youth Strategy initiative.</p>  |
| <b>COH - Our Future Hamilton/McMaster University Centre for Continuing Education</b> | Our Future Hamilton                   | <p>Our Future Hamilton is the city's new 25-year community vision featuring six community priorities in the areas of community engagement, economic prosperity, public health and safety, environmental responsibility, built infrastructure, and culture and social diversity.</p> <p>HPL and the McMaster University Centre for Continuing Education will host a series of six engaging and topical presentations from experts about subject matter relevant to Our Future Hamilton's six community vision topics.</p>  |
| <b>Community Action Program for Children (CAPC)</b>                                  | Funding and Outreach Programs - Youth | <p>The Hamilton Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) assists families with young children (newborn to 6) by addressing barriers that impact on their ability to reach optimal health. Partnering with community coalitions to deliver programs that increase both adult and child health, develop problem-solving skills and social networks, and to engage in their communities.</p> <p>HPL receives annual funding for children's programming directed at ages 0-6 in East Hamilton, from the base of escarpment, Hamilton Harbour/Lake Ontario/Fifty Road and Strathbarton. Funds are from Health Canada, the Social Planning and Research Council Hamilton and CAPC. The CAPC funding supports programs including Summer Reading Club, Get Ready for Kindergarten and Hamilton Family Literacy Week and other programs.</p> |
| <b>Concession Street BIA</b>   | Membership - Concession Street BIA    | <p>Concession Street BIA represents the oldest commercial district on the Mountain.</p> <p>Our local Concession branch participates in the annual Streetfest, Fall Fest and Christmas/Winter Solstice activities. HPL provides information/instruction about digital and print products offered by HPL; distributed flyers and program guides and offered programs such as films and bicycle helmet safety during the festivities.</p>  |
| <b>Evergreen</b>   | Various Programs                      | <p>Evergreen's mandate is to actively engage Canadians in creating and sustaining healthy urban environments in our schools, our public spaces, in housing and transit systems, and communities themselves. Evergreen operates a Community Storefront Hub on James St North with the support of the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Community Foundation.</p>   |

Evergreen is lead agency for 100 in 1 day. HPL has played an active role since the program was launched.

**Flamborough Archives**

Support - Space and Website

Flamborough Archives volunteers provide services while researchers visit the space during library hours.

HPL provides space in the new Waterdown branch and network support, a MOU and a lease agreement are in place.

**Front Room Entertainment**

Program - In the Round Concerts

Front Room Entertainment is a local company which specializes in artist management and concert/special events.

Provides services for In the Round concerts at HPL's Central Branch giving HPL the rights to record and share the concerts. Two concerts In the Round were held in 2017.

**Frontier College**

Program - Teen Homework Help

Frontier College aims to improve literacy levels in Canada by providing education to those who seek assistance with their learning and have been overlooked or left behind by the formal educational system. Frontier College runs a myriad of English-language and French-language literacy programs for children, youth and adults in many places across Canada such as community centres, shelters, farms and prisons.

Frontier College provides Homework Help for teens at the Central Library with the assistance of McMaster University volunteers.

**HA&L Magazine**

Various Projects

Hamilton Arts & Letters (HA&L) publishes a biannual online Literary and Arts magazine, with Previews and Special Inserts appearing between issues.

HPL partners annually with the HA&L on Jackie Washington Day programming and the annual Short Works Literacy prize. The annual prize recognizes excellence amongst Hamilton area writers.

**Hamilton Council on Aging**

Partner Program

The Hamilton Public Library, Hamilton Council on Aging and Information Hamilton have partnered to help older adults in Hamilton connect to their communities.

HPL has offered programming related to these initiatives in several branches including Central and Dundas.

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| <b>Hamilton Health Sciences - Family Practice</b>   | Partner Program - Death: Something to Talk About Initiative | <p>McMaster Family Practice (MFP) is a team of over 90 health care providers dedicated to the health and wellness of Hamilton's families.</p> <p>HPL is involved in an initiative to encourage discussion about death in a regular day-to-day setting. The program has included author talks, book clubs and other relevant programming.</p>   |
| <b>Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra</b>              | Program - Noon Hour Program Series                          | <p>Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra (HPO) brings exciting culture into the life of Hamiltonians.</p> <p>HPL and HPO delivers a series of music and lunch and learn programs at Central Library. Plans are underway for additional concerts/learning programs in 2018.</p>   |
| <b>Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction</b>    | Programs, Support and Membership                            | <p>The Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (HRPR) was formed in 2005 to tackle the City's unacceptable levels of poverty. The goal of HRPR is to reduce and eliminate poverty through the aspiration of Making Hamilton the Best Place to Raise a Child.</p> <p>HPL participates in programs and supports the HRPR. HPL works together with the COH and the roundtable to support voter registration awareness tables supported by Elections Canada. Space is provided for HRPR meetings.</p>                                    |
| <b>Hamilton-Burlington SPCA</b>                     | Program - Sit! Stay! Read!                                  | <p>Hamilton Burlington SPCA (HBSPCA) is a private non-profit registered charity serving a mixed urban and rural community.</p> <p>Reluctant readers aged 8-12 read to HBSPCA animals and their handler volunteers at several branches. Animals are ideal reading companions especially for children who may not be strong readers and reluctant to read out loud. In 2018, HPL, HBSPCA and McMaster Researchers are reviewing the program to look at best practices and program impacts and to make recommendations for expansion.</p> |
| <b>HYP - Hamilton Youth Poets</b>                   | Various   | <p>Hamilton Youth Poets (HYP) was created in 2012 to give our community's youth the opportunity to develop their creative skills and have their voices heard.</p> <p>HPL is involved in a variety of collaborative projects with HYP including hosting Louder Than a Bomb events, workshops, KidsCrawl and the Blackout Poetry contest.</p>  |
| <b>Les Chater YMCA and Hamilton Health Sciences</b> | Program - Living Well With Diabetes/Eating                  | <p>Les Chater YMCA and HPL created the education series Living Well with Diabetes and Eating Well with Diabetes. Providing education on self-management skills including medication, healthy eating,</p>   |

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|   | Well With Diabetes                             | activity, preventing complications and blood sugar targets. Eating Well with Diabetes teaches healthy food choices, meal planning and carbohydrate counting.  |
| <b>McMaster University - Campus and Community Connections</b> | Social Lab - Digital Literacy                  | <p>McMaster University - Campus and Community Connections is intended to provide information about projects, initiatives, and other resources that might be of interest to members of the community, and to offer an interface that supports the facilitation of respectful, mutually beneficial interaction and collaborations with our community partners.</p> <p>McMaster Social Innovation Lab (MSIL), a student-run 'idea incubator' located on McMaster Campus.</p>   |
| <b>McMaster University - DeGroot School of Business</b>       | Research Partner - Digital Storytelling        | Dr. Brian Detlor, DeGroot School of Business, along with Dr. David Harris Smith, Dr. Maureen Hupfer and Dr. Walter Peace, has been successful in obtaining a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Grant to study digital storytelling. Hamilton Public Library is involved with the research.  |
| <b>McMaster University - DeGroot School of Business</b>       | Research Partner - Older Adults                | <p>McMaster's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Partnership Development Grant proposal, entitled, "Using Information and Communication Technology to Reduce Social Isolation of Older Adults and to enhance their Quality of Life."</p> <p>With HPL this partnership will investigate how social media and other Information Communications and Technologies (ICT) can be used by older adults to enhance their wellbeing and to minimize their feelings of social isolation. This partnerships aligns with HPL's seniors programming and the CoH's Seniors' Strategy.</p>  |
| <b>McMaster University - Library</b>                          | Partner Program - Digital Storytelling Project | The "Love Your City, Share Your Stories" project is a storytelling project carried out by the Hamilton Public Library, the City of Hamilton's Tourism and Culture Division, and the McMaster University Library that will result in the creation, storage, and dissemination of a collective memory of digital stories concerning significant Hamilton cultural icons and their history. These stories will promote and foster Hamilton's cultural identity and contribute to the preservation of Hamilton's history. Stories from Hamilton citizens concerning these icons will be captured in a wide variety of digital formats (e.g., textual, audio, video) and will be supported by accompanying materials (e.g., photographs, images, archival material, geo-coded references) provided by project partners. Project outputs will include a collection of stories, a digital repository to house the stories and digitized archival materials, as well as a dedicated website, a large interactive electronic display wall, and mobile device applications to showcase the stories. |

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| <b>McMaster University - Network for Community-Campus Partnerships</b> | Outreach Program - Student Engagement              | <p>Established in September 2013, the Network for Community-Campus Partnerships was created to facilitate the achievement of the University's community engagement goals by bringing together community involved representatives from across the university to move forward with strategic and coordinated action.</p> <p>HPL works with the partnership and coordinates efforts.</p>   |
| <b>National Film Board</b>   | Program - NFB Film Program                         | <p>The National Film Board of Canada is Canada's public film and digital media producer and distributor. An agency of the Government of Canada, the NFB produces and distributes documentary films, animation, web documentaries and alternative dramas.</p> <p>HPL works in partnership with the NFB to offer films screenings at branches.</p>  |
| <b>Ontario Genealogical Society - Hamilton Branch</b>                  | Membership - OGS Hamilton Branch                   | <p>A branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS), the Hamilton Branch covers the former County of Wentworth which includes the Townships of Ancaster, Barton, Binbrook, Beverly, Flamborough East, Flamborough West, Glanford and Saltfleet now all part of the City of Hamilton. A portion of the OGS - Hamilton collection is located in the LH&amp;A closed stacks on Central Library's 3rd floor.</p> <p>In 2018, OGS and HPL are collaborating to host a genealogy fair at the Central Library in the fall.</p> |
| <b>Outfront Media</b>  | Sponsor - Billboard Contest                        | <p>Outfront Media provides billboard space and materials so that the annual winner of the contest's design can be displayed for one week during Ontario Public Library Week in October.</p>   |
| <b>Rocky River Sign Company</b>  | Sponsor - Billboard Contest                        | <p>Rocky River provides support and expertise for the annual billboard contest, including the production of the billboard and judging of the entries.</p>   |
| <b>Rotary Club of Hamilton</b>   | Partner Program - Telling Tales and Literacy Camps | <p>The Rotary Club of Hamilton is a lead partner on the Telling Tales festival, a free family-friendly literary festival at Westfield Heritage Village the 3rd Sunday in September. HPL also partners with the Rotary Club's Literacy Camp program at Cathy Weaver Public School. HPL distributes First Books to camp participants annually.</p>  |
| <b>Royal Botanical Gardens</b>   | Donation - Summer Reading Club Sponsor             | <p>The Royal Botanical Gardens donates passes as a Summer Reading Club incentive for program participants.</p>  |

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| <b>Skills Development Flagship</b>                              | Program - Skills Development Flagship | Skills Development Flagship (SDF) is a group of community organizations with the mandate to assist individuals who have been marginalized from the labour market gain access to opportunities for meaningful employment by ensuring that the knowledge and skills of workers match the needs of Hamilton's economy.   |
| <b>Sonic Unyon</b>  | Concerts in the round                 | Sonic Unyon is a local Hamilton events management company and record label.<br>Continuing the In the Round concerts HPL will be expanding this initiative by collaborating with more local promoters. A formal partnership agreement was signed in January 2018 for up to 4 concerts in 2018.   |
| <b>Soroptimist International of Hamilton-Burlington</b>         | Partner Program - Book Sale           | Soroptimist International of Hamilton-Burlington is an organization for women in management and the professions; working through service projects to improve all aspects of the community.<br>Annual fundraiser featuring the sale of weeded HPL materials. In 2017, two book sales were held in the Spring & Fall in the Hamilton Room of the Central branch with sales of \$16,000. The next book sale is planned for October 2018.   |
| <b>St. Joseph's Healthcare</b>                                  | Psychology Month                      | St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton is a 1000 bed academic and research hospital in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada that is affiliated with the Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine of McMaster University as well as Mohawk College.<br>HPL partners with St. Joseph's Healthcare for a series of Adult programs during February which is Psychology Month.  |
| <b>St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton - Youth Wellness Centre</b> | Program - Youth Wellness              | St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton - Youth Wellness Centre (St. Joe's) is for youth experiencing signs of mental health and/or addictions difficulties for the first time & youth who need support moving from child and youth mental health and addictions services to adult mental health and addictions services.<br>HPL posts booklists co-authored by library staff and St. Joe's staff on topics associated with Mental Health. HPL and the St. Joe's Wellness Centre are partnering on a book club initiative for youth (17-25). HPL also works on programming initiatives with St. Joe's. |
| <b>The Hamilton Spectator</b>                                   | Archives Initiatives                  | The Hamilton Spectator, local newspaper and community sponsor owned by Torstar.   |

HPL has partnered with the Hamilton Spectator for a variety of Local History & Archives related project. There are formal agreements in place for the negative collection and the digitization of the Hamilton Spectator. HPL, theSpec.com and Cable 14 to do a series of 30 minute local history programs entitled Flashback.

The Hamilton Spectator, local newspaper and community sponsor owned by Torstar.

HPL hosts an annual writing contest offered in partnership with The Hamilton Spectator. Teens (ages 12 to 18) are invited to submit original poetry and short stories.

Many residents with lower incomes are eligible for significant tax credits if they file their taxes.

HPL is working with a number of other organizations to address this problem through education and providing assistance with tax filing.

Wesley Urban Ministries' programs focus on their mission of decreasing barriers and increasing opportunities for those in need in downtown Hamilton.

Wesley endorses and supports the resettlement of refugees and offers a range of services that welcomes and assists refugee newcomers in their settlement and integration into Canadian society. Wesley strives to enable independence and full participation of these newcomers in our community.

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Funding from the Hamilton Community Foundation through the Davis Creek Neighbourhood Development grant program enables HPL and Wesley Urban Ministries to offer a summer literacy camp for youth in the area.

Hamilton Public Library is a research partner for Western University's Shakespeare iCurriculum SHRCC funded project.

YWCA employment and training team is offering information on community programs, training and employment services in the City.



HPL has a pilot project at Central where representatives come weekly, with the longer term goal of offering this service to multiple locations.

**Youth Serving  
Agencies Network**

Membership -  
YSAN Network

Youth Serving Agencies Network (YSAN) is a member driven organization of Hamilton Youth serving organization. The Network works to combine the resources of the providers of preventative services for children and youth with the strength of young people themselves in order to promote and increase opportunities for children and youth through the development of an accessible continuum of programs and services.

HPL is participating in the YSAN initiative.