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Hello From the President, Amanda Fritz



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I invite you to join us at the Montreal Children's Library's

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / L'ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE 2017

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7 p.m. / Mercredi le 15 mars 2017 à 19 h

4121 42e rue, Montréal, QC H1Z 1R8 (Situé dans le Centre René Goupil)

Refreshments will be served. Un goûter sera servi.

Take a tour of our beautiful **Polaris** library. Au cœur d'un centre de loisirs, la bibliothèque est lumineuse, chaleureuse et vivante.

RSVP: Email info@mcl-bjm.ca Or telephone Paula or Pinfang at (514) 276-7309.

Run or Walk for Literacy

By Fred Horowitz

On April 22 and April 23 of 2017, for the fifth consecutive year, The Montreal Children's Library will be participating in the Scotia Bank Charity Challenge (Le Défi caritatif Banque Scotia 2017).

Over the course of the last four years, here's what we've accomplished (round figures)...\$45,000 raised, 600 donors, 15-25 racers (walkers or runners) per year.

We are committed to raising \$15,000 this year. Meeting our target requires at least **25 race (run, walk, baby stroller) participants.**

We need your help! [Please register for this fun event by clicking here.](#) Join a group of inspired and committed people dedicated to supporting a worthwhile cause.

Not available on that day? No problem! You can [fundraise](#) for the team or [simply make a donation.](#) Every dollar brings us closer to the \$15,000 goal. Thank you!

Les nouvelles du Nord



Par Paula Labrasseur et Pinfang Lu

Suite au succès retentissant de la fête de Noël tenue à la bibliothèque le 22 décembre dernier (85 enfants et 21 adultes y étaient), les attentes pour l'année 2017 sont très élevées!

Following the great success of the Christmas party that took place in the library the 22nd of December (85 children and 21 adults attended), the expectations for 2017 are very high!



Santa Claus distributed more than 100 gifts during the party!

Au cours des prochains mois, nous souhaitons développer la collection de livres pour les 8 à 12 ans, qui forment le coeur des usagers de la bibliothèque. Nous voulons miser sur le plaisir de lire pour renforcer les habiletés en lecture des enfants, et leur donner les outils pour qu'ils puissent apprendre par eux-mêmes. Cela signifie d'une part de bonifier et d'actualiser la collection d'ouvrages de fiction (BD, mangas, romans), et d'autre part d'acquérir davantage de livres pratiques (de cuisine, DIY, construction lego, manuels Minecraft, etc.).

In the upcoming months, we are hoping to further expand our book collection for 8-12 years old (the core age group of the children who visit the library). We want to encourage children to read for pleasure, which helps to develop reading habits, and to give the children the tools to learn by themselves. This means that there is a need to update our fiction collection (i.e., graphic novels, mangas, novels, etc.), and our practical books (i.e., cooking books, DIY, lego construction blocks, Minecraft manuals, etc.).

Pour l'hiver, en sus de nos programmes phares (la *Science est partout!* et le *Club d'échecs*) et des heures du conte pour les CPE et les haltes-garderies, plusieurs nouveautés figurent à notre horaire. Nous sommes particulièrement enthousiastes par rapport au Club d'impro, animé par Dedou, l'intervenant du Centre de Loisirs René-Goupil, car cette activité permet de canaliser l'énergie des jeunes dans une activité créative. Dès le 27 janvier, des soirées de jeux (*Les Gamers*) seront animés par Pinfang chaque dernier vendredi du mois.

For winter, apart from regular programming (Science is everywhere! and Chess Club) and Storytime offerings for local daycares, we also have some new activities. We are especially excited about the Improvisation Club, which is hosted by Dedou, an animator from the Centre de Loisirs René-Goupil. This fun opportunity will allow the kids to focus their energy on a creative activity. Since the 27th of January, video gaming nights (The Gamers) are being animated by Pinfang every last Friday of the month.

Au menu des événements spéciaux, un tournoi d'échecs est prévu pour la semaine de relâche scolaire (1^{ère} semaine de mars). Le très attendu jeu d'évasion (avec pour thème *Le prisonnier du Donjon*) se déroulera sur 3 jours (13-14-15 février), et mettra au défi les classes de 5^e de l'école Saint-Noël Chabanel durant le jour (les 14 et 15 février), et les enfants du quartier à partir de 3h30 (le 13 février). Ils auront 45 minutes pour résoudre les énigmes disséminées par leur ami Merlin, fait prisonnier juste avant eux, afin de se sortir du Donjon.

When it comes to special events, a chess tournament is planned for the Spring Break (around the first week of March). Another "Escape the Room" (with the theme, "The prisoner of the dungeon") will take place over 3 days (13th, 14th, and 15th of February). The "Escape the Room" will be open to neighbourhood children on Monday the 13th, starting at 3:30 p.m. and the 5th grade classes of Saint-Noël Chabanel School will visit during the day on Tuesday and Wednesday. Participants will have 45 minutes to solve Merlin's mystery clues and exit the dungeon. (No help from their friend Merlin who will have been captured moments before the kids arrive!)

Réussiront-ils à trouver la clef qui leur permettra de s'évader? Ou resteront-ils les prisonniers du maléfique roi Hastur? Vous le saurez dans la prochaine infolettre!

Will these young sleuths succeed in finding the key that will allow them to escape? Or will they remain prisoners of King Hastur for eternity? Find out the results in the next newsletter!

Parent-Child Mother Goose Program Update



By Rachel Wagner Lemblé

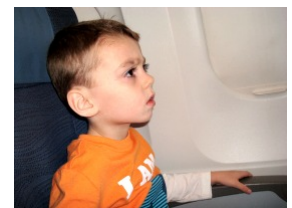
The one thing you DON'T have to pack when travelling with young children...

In the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program we teach parents a happy repertoire of songs, rhymes, finger plays and stories to share with their infant children.

Marie-Line wrote how a mother called on that repertoire to her best advantage in an otherwise stressful situation. Her flight had been delayed. She sang and played with her baby until they were finally "cleared for take-off." She said, "It was magic."

Marie-Line immediately thought of my parallel experience 7-years ago recorded in our brochures:

"Lap child and flight delay are a cruel coincidence. My infant son had already exhausted my emergency supply of toys. To say "cranky" would be a euphemism. Softly, I started to sing the songs and mimic the finger plays I had learned at the weekly Parent-Child Mother



Goose Program. I retold him the story we had told the week before. The lullabies about flowing rivers and babies being born in the circle of the sun were the ultimate pacifiers. I had an hour-long repertoire of joyful diversions that didn't need to be packed or picked up."

Want in on the "magic"? There are still **a few spots available at our Saturday Program from 10:00-11:15 AM at James Lyng High School. To reserve your space contact Desrean at [514-989-2380](tel:514-989-2380).**

We are also excited to announce that we are authorized to conduct Teacher Training Workshops in English or French for potential Mother Goose Animators. This two-day workshop covers program logistics, techniques, rhymes, songs and oral storytelling. The cost for the two-day workshop and materials is \$330/per participant.

We invite any interested party to contact me at wagner.rachel@gmail.com to schedule a site visit and see how the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program can help your community take flight!

Board Members' Childhood Memories



My name is **Alyssa Wiseman**.

All my life, I have loved reading. Growing up, my night was never complete without reading a chapter or two of a good book (usually, Harry Potter--I have read all books too many times to count!). In fact, my love for the written word was so strong, I actually named my dog Boggle -- after the word game my husband and I love to play so much.

Given my passion for reading and learning, I feel so privileged to work with the Montreal Children's Library--an organization that acts as a facilitator of these skills and values for the community at large. I am so excited to continue to work with the library and help it continue to achieve its mission and vision for years to come!

Name the nursery rhyme that you still like best? Twinkle twinkle little star.

What was your favourite book as a child (< 6 years old)? "Love You Forever" by Robert Munsch.

What was your most treasured childhood arts and crafts project? I was registered for a soapstone class after school--I made the cutest polar bear!

Describe a favourite childhood memory that involves a book? My mom reading to me before bed -- we used to love reading Dr. Seuss books together!

Now it's time for our next Board member and her memories...



My name is **Danièle Laroche**.

I am the owner operator of a small Simultaneous Interpretation & Translation business dedicated to offering superior customer service.

For as long as I can remember, I've been fascinated by languages. Although I come from a French Canadian lineage dating back to 1683, my parents also spoke English in our home...

thanks to my mom's Irish Canadian childhood friend who taught her the language of Shakespeare and, in turn, my mom taught my dad, who was an avid reader of the news in both.

I always loved reading & I know that it contributed to expanding my personal & professional life. My dream for this planet is for every child to have access to lifelong learning through reading and education!

Name the nursery rhyme that you still like best? “Jack & Jill Went Up the Hill” and when my mom would put us to bed and sing “Good night, sleep tight & make sure you don't let the bedbugs bite...”. I guess she never realized there would actually be bed bugs still today!

What was your favourite book as a child (< 6 years old)? I actually don't remember a specific book, but what I do remember is being excited about having my afternoon milk & cookies while watching “Romper Room” and “Chez Hélène” on television. On both shows they would read stories from books that touched my imagination.

What was your most treasured childhood arts and crafts project? When I was invited back to a French-Canadian television show for kids in the 1960's called “ABC” (I think) hosted by Anita Barrière. I had made a Christmas Tree collage & they thought it was so good that they asked me to come back the following month. Also, all the birthday cards I made for my parents.

Describe a favourite childhood memory that involves a book? Again, no specific book, but I do remember reading “Les Fables de la Fontaine” and asking my mother a lot of questions about the different characters' actions & why they did what they did or didn't do, like “la Cigale et la Fourmi” (the Cicada & the Ant)...and “le Corbeau et le Renard” (the Crow and the Fox).

And last but not least, our final Board member's memories for this edition...



My name is **Matthew MacDonald**.

Always game for a little adventure, I joined the Montreal children's Library hoping to pay back the Universe for all of the wonderful experiences I recall participating in as child.

My mother was a pre-school teacher, back in the day when pre-schools were usually located in someone's basement, and she shared her unlimited knowledge for crafts and activities with us. How many kids could boast the complete collection of Sharon Louis & Bram LPs?

I'm proud to be a part of the library board and sleep comfortably each night knowing that my small contribution enables kids to experience the care-free pleasure that learning with books and song enables.

Name the nursery rhyme that you still like best? “Skinnamarink” by Sharon, Lois and Bram.

What was your favourite book as a child (< 6 years old)? Anything about “Curious George” or birds.

What was your most treasured childhood arts and crafts project? Making mobiles with coat hangers.

Describe a favourite childhood memory that involves a book? Reading upside down on long road trips.

Stay tuned for the other Board Members' memories in upcoming newsletters!

L'événement à venir

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Until the next edition...

'What day is it?', asked Winnie the Pooh.
'It's today,' squeaked Piglet.
'My favorite day,' said Pooh."
—*The Adventures of Winnie the Pooh* by A. A. Milne