

2023-2024 Annual Report for AGM – June 19, 2024

- ★ **English-language Educational, Cultural and Social Programming – *Free for all***
 - Over 200 free group activities in the past 12 months, in person, online and hybrid.
 - In-person attendance has been growing with online program delivery still popular.
 - Lunchtime Series – Weekly talks, musical performances and film screenings.
 - Digital Literacy – Weekly two-hour Internet Peer Café sessions online and monthly Digital Help Hubs with one-on-one assistance in person.
 - Digital Media Activities for Seniors – Digital community mapping project carried out with Concordia University faculty and students.
 - Financial Literacy – 25 information sessions on personal finances and estate planning.
 - Job Search Workshops and Help – Over 50 sessions, many geared to newcomers.
 - AWE creative art-making and writing workshops, some online and others in person.
 - Book Club – Discussions about English-language fiction led by Mary Soderstrom.
 - Atwater Poetry Project – National Poetry Month event, search for a new funder.
 - Exhibitions of art and history – Sixties Scoop Survivors in Portrait by Trina Slapcoff, Prints of Montreal-area Scenes by Gigot aka Mary Hughson, Historic Collection Exhibition and Atwater Writers Exhibition (AWE).

- ★ **Library**
 - 40,000 items for adults – English-language books, DVDs, eMaterials and seeds
 - Specialty collections: Indigenous, Scottish, Black, and Quebec English-language.
 - Downtown residents living with a loss of mobility benefit from our home deliveries.

- ★ **Community Outreach**
 - We emphasize outreach and collaborate with other community groups and schools.
 - We tailor activities for partner groups and conduct some sessions at partners' premises.

- ★ **Infrastructure – Heritage Building Maintenance and Digital Upgrade**
 - Over the past 12 years we have tastefully conserved and updated our beautiful heritage building – all except the interior windows.
 - Maintenance is now being emphasized and we are preparing a detailed manual.
 - We recently purchased all new computer hardware and software, upgraded our network and are migrating critical applications to the cloud to improve security.

- ★ **Finances**
 - We are in a stronger financial position than we were before the pandemic.
 - We manage expenses carefully with 9 FTE paid staff and more than 100 volunteers.
 - We have had small cash surpluses for several years.
 - 2023 revenues were 17.7% greater than those for 2022 with significant increases in what we earn ourselves (rentals, fees, book sales) and fundraising revenues.
 - We spend more than before the building upgrades on operations and maintenance – for example, for the elevator and air conditioning.
 - We now have modest investments generating interest revenues.