ONTARIO CITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA



CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 303 E. B STREET • ONTARIO, CA 91764 February 14, 2023 • 6 PM

CALL TO ORD	ER			6:00 PM		
PLEDGE OF ALLE	GIANCE					
ROLL CALL						
□ Lanthripe	□ Lawliss	□ Mena	□ Ricci			
INTRODUCTIONS	5					
MINUTES						
MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR January 10, 2023 $\ \Box$ / $\ \Box$						
□ Lanthripe	□ Lawliss	□ Mena	□ Ricci			

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Public Comment portion of the Library Board meeting is limited to 15 minutes total, with each speaker allowed a maximum of 3 minutes. Additional speakers are allowed 3 minutes each at the end of the meeting. Prior to consideration of each old or new business agenda item, a speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes to comment on that specific item. Under provisions of the Brown Act, the Library Board is prohibited from taking action on oral requests.

CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR January 2023 $\ \Box \ / \ \Box$ ☐ Lanthripe □ Lawliss □ Mena □ Ricci **DIRECTOR'S REPORT STAFF REPORT** 1. Friends of Ontario City Library (Shawn Thrasher) 2. Online Resources (Heather Witherow) 3. Ontario City Library Short and Long Term Goals (Shawn Thrasher) **OLD BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS** 1. Election of Officers

BOARD COMMENTS As a reminder, please make sure board comments pertain to the library and library business.					
□ Lanthripe	□ Lawliss	□ Mena	□ Ricci		
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS					
2. State of t	Library Week he City Vater – Museum (exhibit			
ADJOURNM	ENT				

THE ONTARIO CITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OVITT FAMILY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

215 East C Street January 10, 2023

(Subject to Board approval)

CALL TO ORDER This meeting was called to order by Board member Crisol

Mena at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Ann Lawliss, Board member

MEMBERS PRESENT Vice President Crisol Mena.

Anne Lawliss.

Vice President Crisol Mena, Secretary Gina Lanthripe,

MEMBERS ABSENT Elizabeth Ricci

ALSO, PRESENT Library Director Shawn Thrasher, Library Services Manager Daisy Flores, Library Services Manager Kelly Zackmann and City Attorney Henry G.

Castillo.

INTRODUCTIONS

No Introductions

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public comments were made.

MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Board member Lawliss, seconded by Board member Lanthripe and unanimously carried to approve the October 11, 2022 minutes as amended. (minutes read October 11, 2021 and should read October 11, 2022)

CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

City Council Representative Debra Porada was absent.

CONSENT CALENDAR Motion: Moved by Board member Lanthripe, seconded by Board member Lawliss and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Calendar for October, November & December 2022.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Thrasher spoke about the following items:

A program called Digital Navigator, this project is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. This was a pilot program called Digital Navigator which helps patrons in English and Spanish with low-cost or free internet service and computers. The library had two (2) part time employees who were paid to work outside of the library. This program is free to libraries and Navigators work remotely with patrons, one-on-one, to understand their needs, then provide coaching and help patrons connect to resources.

Director Thrasher informed the board about the American Rescue Plan funds, which allowed the purchase of 3400 Chrome books and 3500 Hotspots from the State Library of California for libraries around the state during the pandemic. This enabled the library to get eight (8) Chrome books and 17 hotspots at Ovitt Family Community Library and three (3) Chrome books and 23 hotspots at Lewis Library and two of each at Ontario on the Go program for patrons' use. These Chrome books are very popular as soon as they come in, they are immediately checked out and as soon as one comes back it is checked out again.

Director Thrasher also shared that the State Library of California partnered with State Parks to offer free state park passes to be checked out to patrons; this program allows a person or a family to check out a pass just like a book for a period of 3 weeks. The library initially received 10 passes which were immediately checked out and almost never available as the "hold" list was never ending. The library has now received 36 more and will eventually receive 70 more.

He also informed the Board that the State of the City 2023 will be March 22, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ontario Convention Center. More information to come.

In addition, Director Thrasher shared that he was elected President of the California Library Association in November 2022 for a three-year term. He will oversee the annual conference which will be in Pasadena, California on November 24, 2023 and he will invite all Board members and update everyone in upcoming meetings.

STAFF REPORT

Ontario "Great" Park Conceptual Master Plan and the Preliminary Design Development of Phase 1 (Planning Department)

Jamie Richardson, Senior Landscape Architect presented:

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Background:

The **Ontario** '**Great**' **Park** is envisioned as a focal point for the region, serving the City of Ontario's recreational and open space needs. The Conceptual Master Plan for the **Ontario** '**Great**' **Park** provides a flexible framework to build a legacy in the present while remaining adaptable to the needs of the future generation.

The **Ontario 'Great' Park** is approximately 340 acres and length of 3.7 miles and encompasses roughly 400 acres, extends over 3-1/2 miles in an east west direction, and has varying widths anticipated between 280-1,600 feet. The **Ontario 'Great' Park** is bounded by Ontario Ranch road on the north, Eucalyptus Avenue on the south, Haven Avenue on the east, and Campus Avenue on the west.

Phase I is approximately 130 acres and occurs within the eastern portion at Ontario Ranch; Grand Park Street to the north, Eucalyptus to the south, Haven Avenue to the east, and Archibald Avenue to the west.

Conceptual Master Plan and Phase I Preliminary Plan Presentation:

This presentation intends to update the board with the conceptual master plan and the preliminary design for Phase I and answer any questions or concerns.

Overview of Featured Slides:

- · Conceptual Site Plan with Park Core
- Entries into the park
- · Trails
- · Picnic Pavilions
- · The Arroyo
- Market Alley
- · Farm Hub
- Playground-Kid's Corral
- · Park Plaza
- The Amphitheater

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- Restrooms
- · Bridges
- Landscape Character
- Amenities and Program Strategy
- Visual Identity

Recent Highlights and Next Steps:

The Groundbreaking for the Demolition was held on October 29th.

Public Works will be preparing to go out to BID on the RFP for Design-Build Services for the Phase I development

Lewis Management is currently in for Development Review of Phase 2, the area west of Phase 1, across Archibald Avenue

A copy of this presentation is available upon request from the Library Director.

Board member Lanthripe thanked Ms. Richardson for the presentation and asked what was the "farm hub" in her presentation? Ms. Richardson responded that this could be a farmer's market or community garden, or people to grow their own food or a vendor.

Board member Lanthripe also asked how many phases were planned? Ms. Richardson answered that it depended on who acquired the land, as right now the City is developing Phase 1, Phase II is being developed by Lewis. The phases will depend on who owns the land going forward, who acquires it and what they want to do with it as it could be the City or private developers.

Board member Lanthripe then asked if spaces would be rentable for birthday parties and such, Ms. Richardson said that "yes" just like the city parks are now.

Board member Lawliss wanted to know if Golf will be available in this park and Ms. Richardson responded that yes there was a "space holder" for golf.

Board member Lawliss asked if there were going to be shade structures or trees? Ms. Richardson informed that the design had canopy and shade but was not sure if they were being constructed on day one, but everyone was working to ensure there was plenty of shade.

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Board member Mena inquired if the Park would have a water structure like Munoz park or DeAnza with rooms for rent? Ms. Richardson said that in Phase 1 that was not a proposal as there was no actual building structure yet, only open areas now but perhaps in the future.

Board member Mena asked if the Park would be pet friendly or would have dog stations? Ms. Richardson answered that the Master Plan addresses pet areas.

Board member Mena also wanted to know if the Arroyo was going to go to the creek. Ms. Richardson said that the Arroyo was more aesthetic as all of the water was going through the storm drain.

STAFF REPORT

Overview of the Annual KinderGo Program

Briana Ochoa, Librarian presented:

KinderGo is a literacy and library card awareness project that began in 2015. The target audience is kindergartners and their families. It is a city-wide program led by the library where city staff visit kindergarten classrooms to read a picture book, share a message about the importance of literacy, introduce students to the city's libraries and provide them each with their very own KinderGo library card.

- · Every year city staff from all departments and levels participate.
- KinderGo succeeds in partnership with four school districts;
 - Ontario-Montclair School district;
 - Mountain View School District;
 - o Chino Valley Unified School District;
 - Cucamonga School District
- · Each year, a book is selected and serves as the theme for KinderGo. This year's selection was *The Grumpy Monkey* by Suzanne Lang.
- · This year, 58 city staff members participated in classroom visits. 79 classrooms were visited in person, which exposed 1,673 students to library services. KinderFair saw a 50% increase in attendance from last year.

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Board member Lanthripe did not have questions but thanked Librarian Ochoa for the presentation.

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Board member Mena had no questions and thanked Ms. Ochoa for the presentation and noted that it was great that there was a 50% increase in attendance at the KinderFair.

STAFF REPORT

Ontario City Library Short & Long Term Goals

Shawn Thrasher, Library Director

Director Thrasher requested that the above staff report be tabled as he wanted the entire Board to be present.

OLD BUSINESS

None

Public Comment:

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Board member Lanthripe thanked staff for the "Great Park" presentation and congratulated Director Thrasher on being elected CLA President.

Board member Mena congratulated Director Thrasher on being elected CLA President and thanked staff for their thorough presentations and informed the Board that the School District wants to connect with the Library to do events for kids and asked who to connect with at the Library. Director Thrasher asked her to give the name of the person at the School District to Librarian Briana Ochoa.

Board member Lawliss thanked staff for the presentations.

NEW BUSINESS

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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Friends of the Library

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State Libraries – Databases

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Mena adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

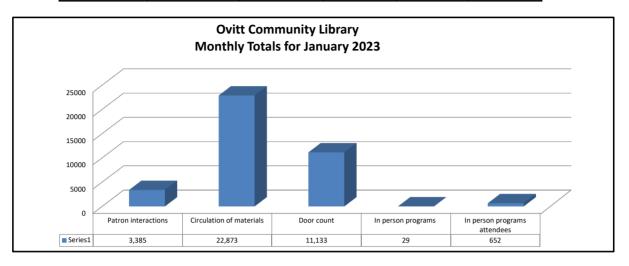
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Nelva Costello, Senior Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

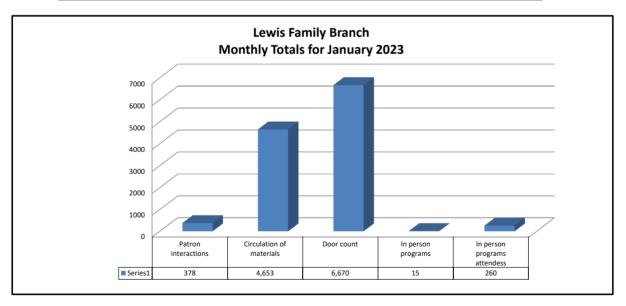
City of Ontario Ovitt Community Library Total Statistics for the Month of January 2023

Site	Patron interactions	Circulation of materials	Door count	In person programs	In person programs attendees
Ovitt	3,385	22,873	11,133	29	652



City of Ontario Lewis Family Branch
Total Statistics for the Month of January 2023

Site	Patron interactions	Circulation of materials	Door count	In person programs	In person programs attendess
Lewis	378	4,653	6,670	15	260





What is FOCL?





What does FOCL do?



How does FOCL raise money?



How did the Covid-19 pandemic affect the FOCL board?





How does the library support FOCL?





What is FOCL up to these days?





What will FOCL do in 2023?





Introduction of the Friends of Ontario City Library





CITY OF ONTARIO COMMUNITY LIFE & CULTURE

Agenda Report

Action: Report & File

SECTION: STAFF REPORTS

Department: Library

Prepared By: Shawn Thrasher **Staff Member Presenting:**

Shawn Thrasher

SUBJECT:

Status of the Friends of Ontario City Library

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Friends of Ontario City Library (FOCL) is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that acts as the fundraising arm of Ontario City Library, primarily through the sale of used books. The organization, informally formed in 1968, filed articles of incorporation in 1973. The group was active during the 1970s but went dark for a period of time in the 1980s and 1990s before becoming active again after the remodeling and reopening of Ontario City Library's main branch.

According to the FOCL bylaws, revised in 2010, the purpose of the organization is:

• To foster a closer relationship between the Ontario City Library and the citizens of Ontario and its environs; and to increase support, both public and private.

- To serve as an advocacy organization for the Ontario City Library in the community and with elected officials.
- To increase awareness of the Ontario City Library; to sponsor cultural and related programs for the community; and to sponsor volunteer service for the Ontario City Library.
- To acquire donations and to raise funds to supplement the library's budget for special materials, programs, equipment, or services not funded through the regular library budget.
- To support the democratic ideals of the freedom to read and free access to materials and information as outlined in the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights.

The Friends historically have raised money for the library through the sale of used books. Each branch has a used book sale area. The area is administered by the FOCL board and staffed by library volunteers. The Friends also raise money through membership dues, which can be paid annually or through a one-time "lifetime" membership dues payment.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Friends must have a board of directors and hold regular board meetings. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Friends board dwindled to one person. Because of this, in July 2022, the library hired a temporary part-time employee with expertise in building and growing Friends of the Library organizations, to rebuild the library's Friends board. During the past six months, the expert has searched for and onboarded new board members, held three board meetings and one board retreat, revitalized the Friends of Ontario City Library's webpage, social media, and marketing, revived the Friends book sale volunteer program, planned two Friends-sponsored author events, and led discussions with the new board on future fundraising opportunities.

At the December 2022 meeting, Milissa Checchi was elected President; Robin Legaspi was elected Vice President; Stacy Hu was elected Treasurer; and Devlin Smith was elected Secretary. Other board members include: Randi Campbell, Marci Garcia, Roxanna Gutierrez, David Patterson, Larry Miceli, Ethan Ross, Tomas Schutter and Beverly Smith. Three committees were also formed: Membership (Gutierrez), Bookstore (Miceli), and Hospitality (Garcia).

For several years, library staff have given presentations at the beginning of the Friends fiscal year to ask for funds to support specific programs and services. These presentations were most recently given at the December meeting, and the board

met and discussed these presentations at their retreat, then allocated funds to staff in January 2023.

FOCL board members worked together to create a new mission statement: "The Friends of Ontario City Library supports the Ontario City Library's mission to serve its patrons and our community through fundraising, advocacy, and volunteerism."

Future Friends board meetings will take place the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at Ovitt Family Community Library.

On Wednesday, February 22, 2023 The Friends of Ontario City Library will be hosting best-selling author Sadeqa Johnson, who will discuss her book, <u>The House of Eve</u>. The event is free, and is sold out. Friends members, including those who join the day of the event, can attend a private reception with the author before the event.

The Friends are currently planning a fundraising gala to be held in November 2023 to celebrate its 50th anniversary and will hold a special DVD/media sale in the library's meeting room on April 15, 2023. A three-bucks a bag sale is also in the planning stages. The Friends will also be reviewing and updating their bylaws, holding a trivia night, and will be creating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Ontario.

Online Resources

Presented By:
Heather Witherow, MLIS
Supervising Librarian
February 7, 2023

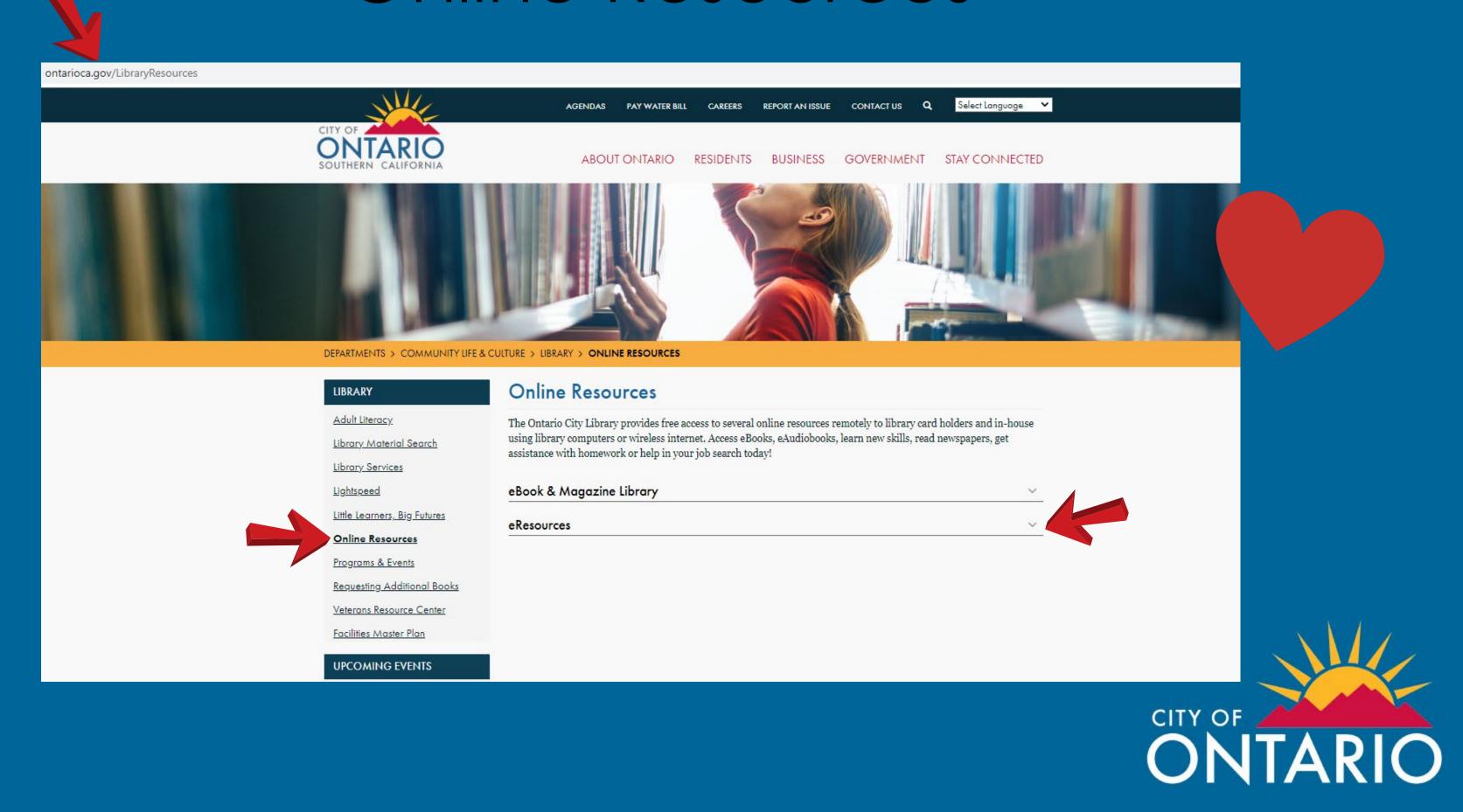


Tonight's Topics

- Online Resources offered by OCL
 - Where OCL's online resources are located.
 - Information on the content that can be accessed.
 - Whom each resource is meant to help.
 - How OCL can provide each resource.



Online Resources



Ontario City Library

Online Book Clubs

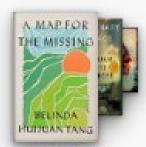
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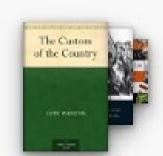
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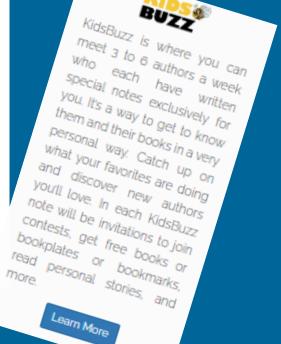


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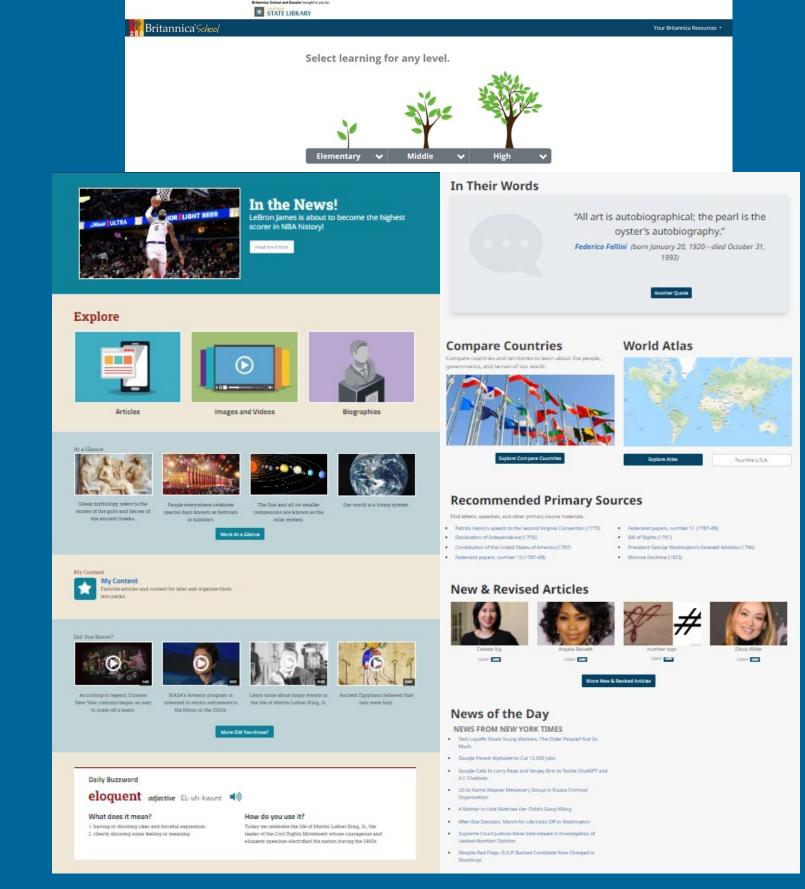
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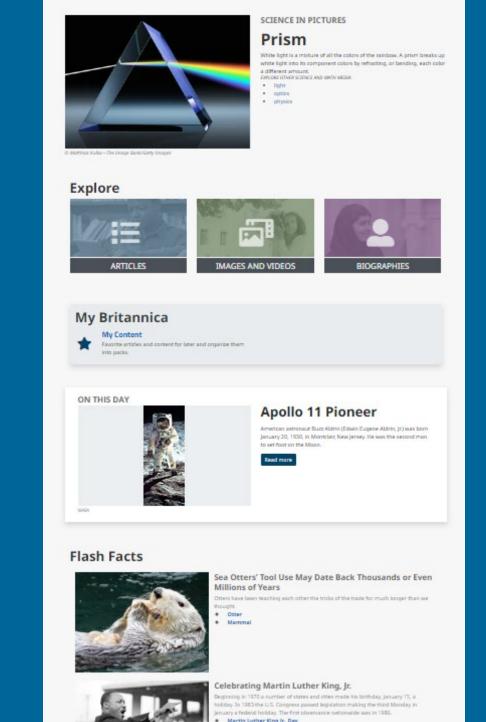
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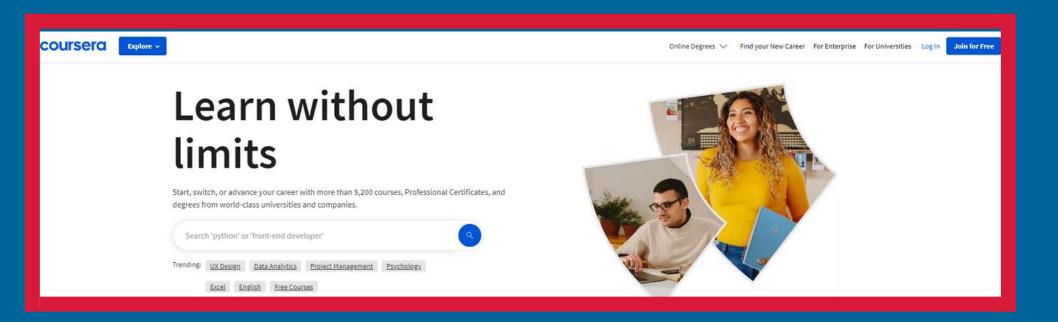


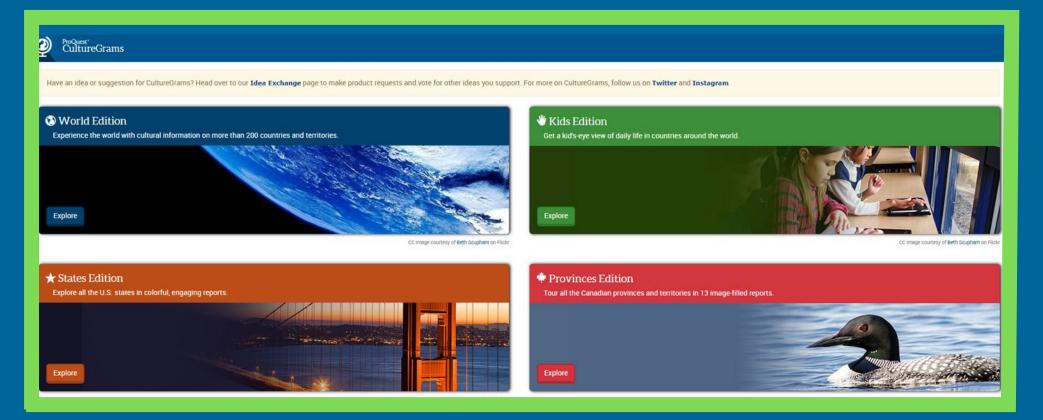




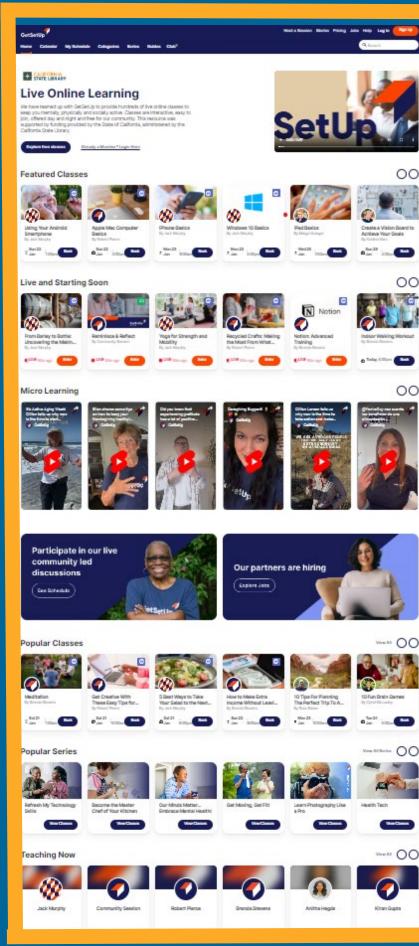


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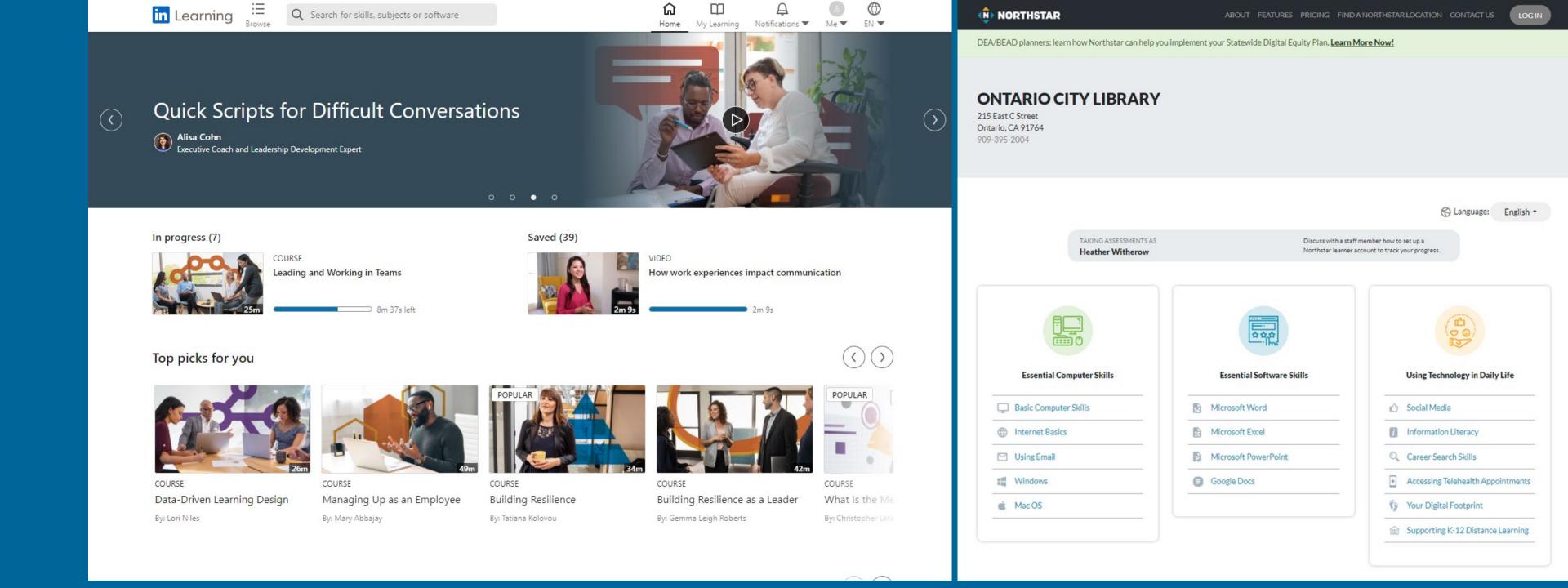


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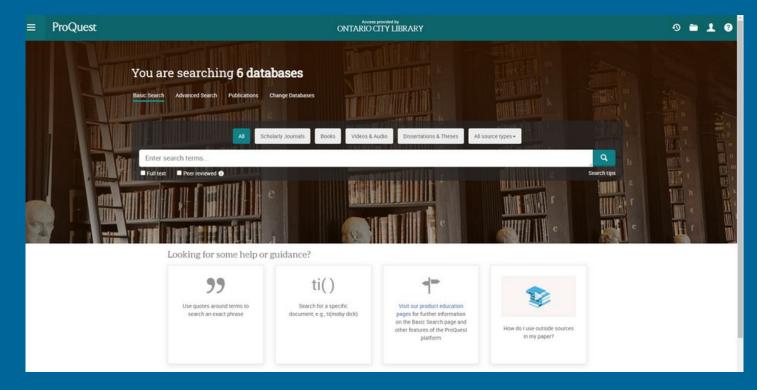


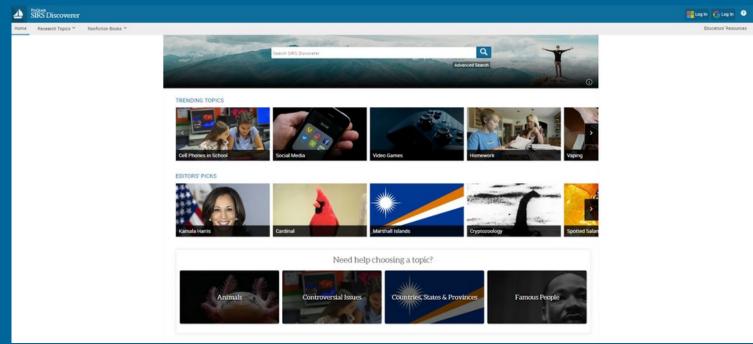
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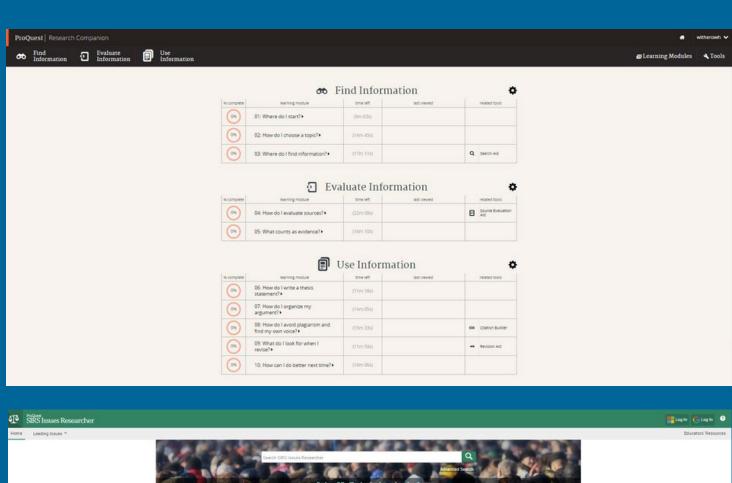


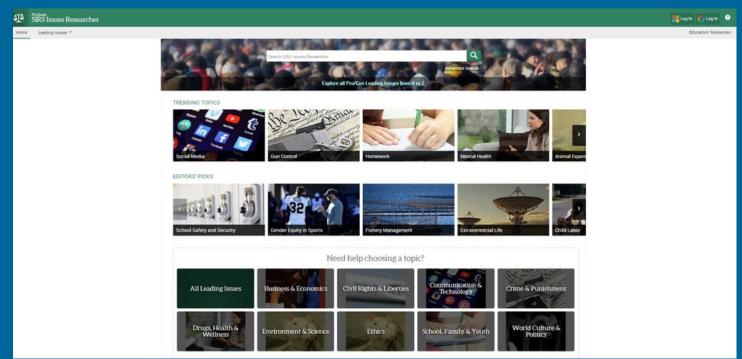
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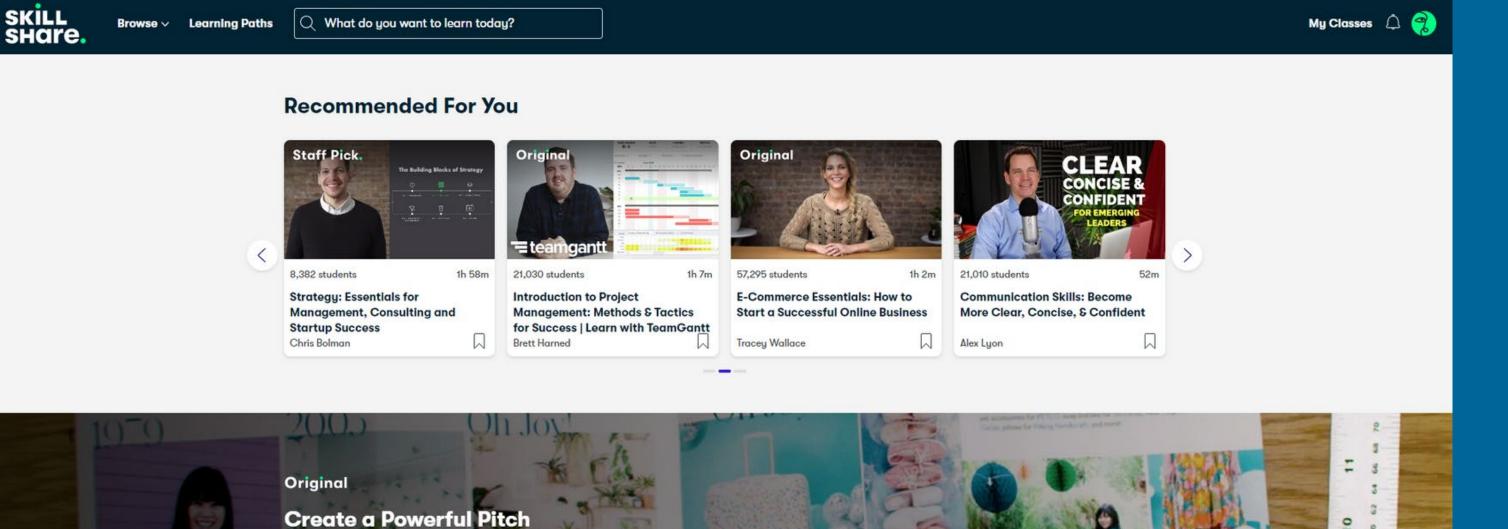




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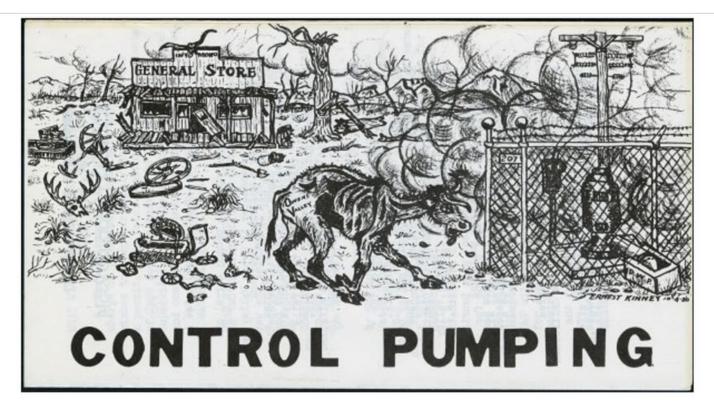
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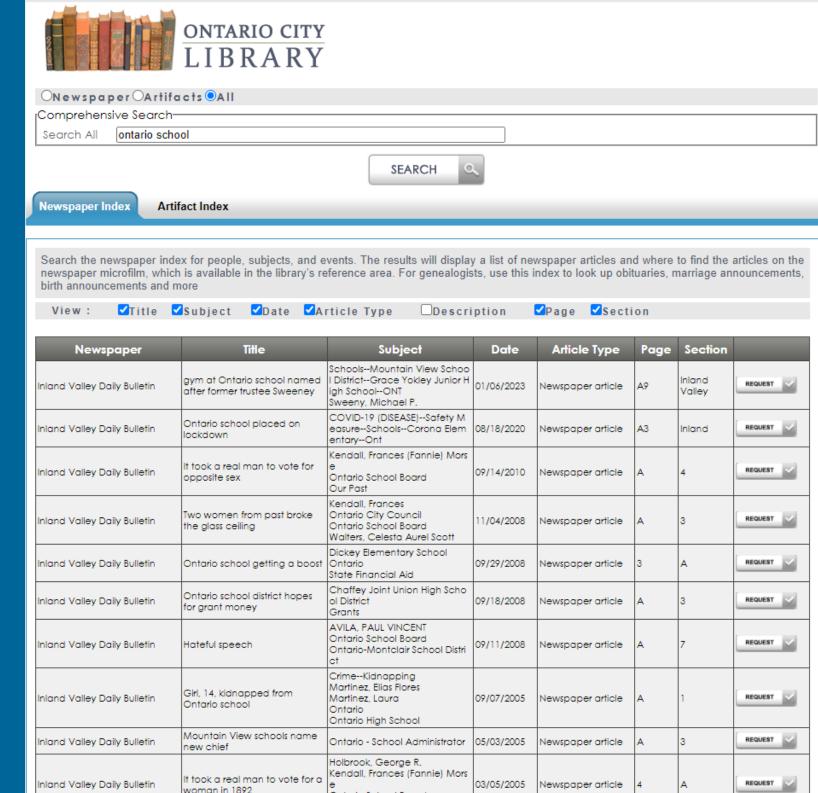
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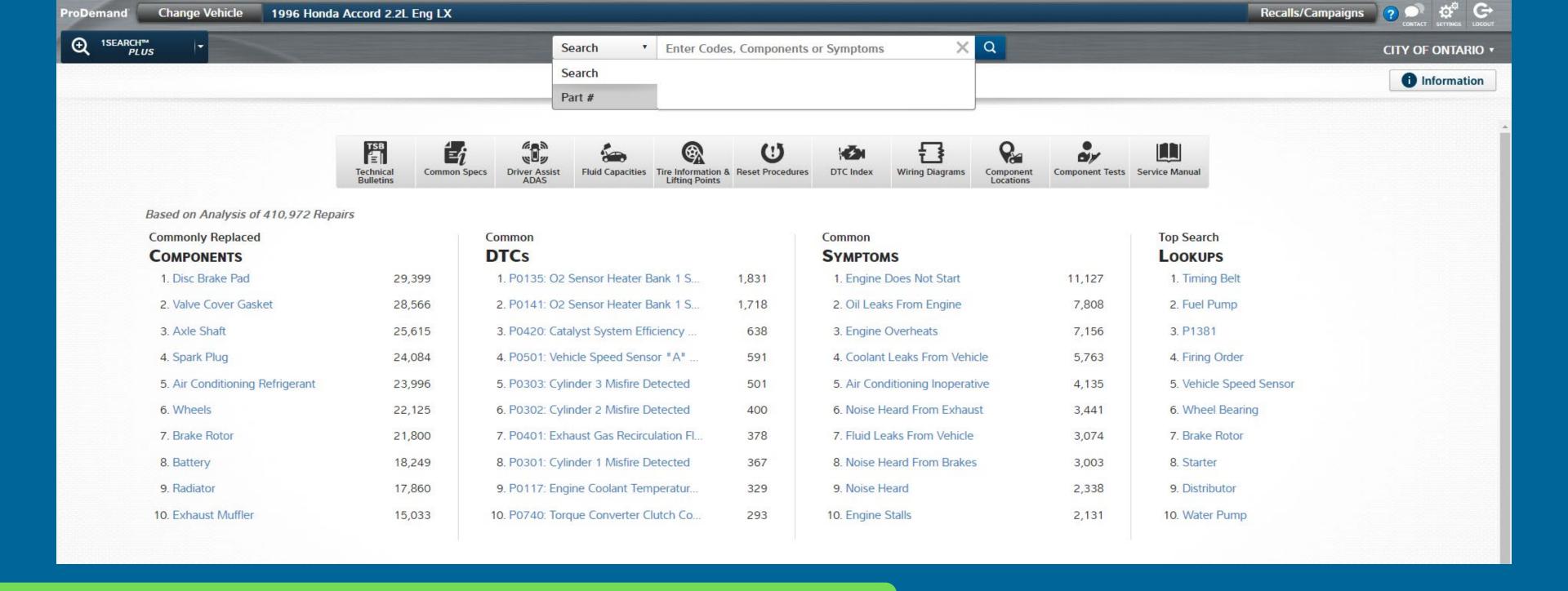


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CITY OF ONTARIO COMMUNITY LIFE & CULTURE

Agenda Report February 7, 2023

SECTION: STAFF REPORT

Department: Library **Action:** Choose an item.

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SUBJECT

An overview of each of the twenty-eight online databases Ontario City Library owns.

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Ontario City Library's patrons can access twenty-eight online databases using library computers or personal devices. Access can be for learning new skills, helping with a job search, and more.

All the databases can be found on the library's website: www.OntarioCA.gov/LibraryResources, click on the pull-down arrow next to eResources.

Join a Book Club contains multiple online book clubs for adults and young adult readers. Patrons may sign-up for online readers' advisory. After registering, patrons receive chapters of the latest titles in their email, courtesy of Dearreader.com. No library card is required and only an email address is necessary. The library subscribes to this resource for a nominal annual fee.

Brainfuse – HelpNow, available in both English and Spanish, helps all students in elementary school through college with their homework. There is also an Adult Learning Center to assist with learning and career goals, all with one-on-one coaching, a practice test center, and additional online resources. **Brainfuse – VetNow** is an online service that supports eligible veterans, and their families apply for benefits, with all stages of job searching, employment transition assistance, preparing for tests, and more. An Ontario City Library card is required to access these resources. This database is currently paid for by the California State Library.

Britannica School Edition is a website for learning about any subject for all grades and reading levels. Divided into three separate databases, Britannica offers thousands of upto-date articles, images, video, audio sources, maps, and many more study tools covering topics supporting school curriculum. Available in English and Spanish. Provided by the California State Library.

Coursera is a learning platform that provides adults with a learning experience for future career development. It offers more than 3,000 courses, taught by top instructors from 190 leading universities and organizations. Patrons can work within a self-paced learning model to earn university-accredited certifications in industry-vetted disciplines. This database is currently paid for by the California State Library.

CultureGrams from ProQuest gives basic facts and figures on 200+ countries. It reports on daily life, culture, history, customs, and lifestyle. ProQuest products and services are currently paid for by the California State Library. An Ontario City Library card is required to access this resource.

GetSetUp is a social learning platform for individuals 50+ taught by their peers who are experts in their field. It provides live classes on digital learning, physical health, mental health, social health, and vocational health. Classes are available in multiple languages. This database is currently paid for by the California State Library.

Learning Express Library with Job & Career Accelerator supports adults in achieving their educational and professional goals by providing nearly 1,000 online tutorials, practice tests, and eBooks. One can explore occupations, and create resumes and cover letters, to succeed in job searching. Improve skills for the workplace, or career certification and GED®, college or graduate school entrance exam prep, and much more. This database is currently paid for by the California State Library.

LinkedIn Learning allows adult patrons to gain access to thousands of video-based courses taught by educators in seven different languages. Topics range from business, education, computer, music, photography, and more. An Ontario City Library card is required to access this resource. Provided by the California State Library.

Northstar Digital Literacy assists with a user's basic skills needed to perform tasks on computers and online. Online, self-guided modules assess one's ability to perform tasks based on these basic skills. Patrons can then focus their learning and build their digital literacy based on those results. This database is currently paid for by the California State Library.

ProQuest, ProQuest Research Companion, SIRS Discoverer, and SIRS Issues Researcher are all ProQuest products. ProQuest provides an online service that includes thousands of articles from general magazines and scholarly journals, most in full text from 1986 to current. Any Ontario City Library cardholder may access this resource. ProQuest Research Companion guides patrons through the research process and helps them develop their critical thinking and information literacy skills. SIRS Discoverer is a general reference database that provides authoritative content for upper elementary and middle school students, researchers, and educators covering curriculum. SIRS Issues Researcher provides background and current analysis necessary for research and understanding of 360+ current and prevalent issues, such as social media, cell phones in school, and mental health. Analysis and opinions cover the pros, and cons of the most researched and debated social issues. All ProQuest products and services are generously provided by the California State Library.

Skillshare is an online education platform with thousands of classes taught by leading practitioners. Adult patrons can take a class on illustration, how to be a great manager, sewing, and more. This database is currently paid for by the California State Library.

America's News provided by Newsbank. Current or archived news coverage can be found in the largest collection of full-text U.S. newspapers in America's News. In addition to nationwide newspaper access, it offers access to the local Inland Valley Daily Bulletin from 2002 to the present. An Ontario City Library card is required to access this resource.

CLIRWater California Water Documents Collection is a digitization project funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, administered through the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), and managed by The Claremont Colleges Library. The collection contains digitized materials related to the history of water in Southern California and its impact on development and is available to all with internet access.

Local history and Newspaper Indexes. Patrons can search the Ontario City Library newspaper index to locate newspaper articles, obituaries, and other items published in local Ontario area newspapers. This index begins in 1884 and current issues of the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin continue to be indexed.

Mitchell's ProDemand Automotive Reference covers repair information for almost all domestic and foreign cars and trucks built from 1974 to the present. It provides detailed descriptions, diagrams, and specs as well as other diagnostic tools. No library card is required. The library pays a subscription fee annually for this database. Patrons can only access this database using library computers.

The **New York Times** offers articles, editorials, and more. An Ontario City Library card is required to access this resource. This resource is funded by the California State Library.

Other free and reliable websites to explore on the library's website.

ABCMouse.com's World Around Us curriculum helps children understand the things they see and experience every day. It also includes reading, math, art & colors, music & songs, tracing lessons, and more learning resources. No library card is required.

C4Yourself is a free online application system that allows California residents to apply for cash aid, food & medical benefits, and other resources. It can be accessed anywhere the internet is provided.

Calbright College is a digital community college that focuses on careers. It provides working adults with the skills they need to move into higher-paying positions or to transition to a new industry.

The **California Digital Newspaper Collection** offers access to over two hundred digitized newspapers published across California from 1846 to the present. This database includes the San Bernardino Daily Sun, available for the years 1894 – 1997, which often covered the Ontario area. The database is searchable and can be filtered.

College Scorecard helps patrons ready for college or an apprenticeship look for schools based on degree, certificate, location, acceptance & graduation rate, and more.

Duolingo offers games and video-based learning for 40 of the world's most popular languages. All patrons are required to create an account.

Library Services for people with print disabilities is provided by the California State Library, in association with the Library of Congress. It provides braille and audiobooks, magazines, and playback equipment to all eligible Californians unable to read standard text. No library card is required.

TeachingBooks is an easy-to-use website that expands the reading experience for children and teens through online author talks, blogs, and live storytelling. It includes thousands of study resources about fiction and non-fiction books used by young people from preschool through high school. It also includes educator resources and more. No library card is required.

Ontario City Library

Short & Long Term Goals



Expand Services

Long-term Goals (2025)

- Build full service branch in Great Park, Ontario Ranch
- Build two small branches in as yet undetermined areas
- Build two satellites in as yet undetermined areas
- Hire/orient/train staff and support staff



Friends

Short-term Goals

- Board development & retreat
- Hold regular meetings
- Author events
- Update bylaws
- MOU (Memo of Understanding)
- Hire PT Librarian

- Sustain board membership
- Explore new fundraising opportunities
- Build volunteer foundation
- Maintain giving for library programs and services



Literacy

Short-term Goals

- Implement elementary-aged literacy program.
- Grow Adult Literacy
- Foster English as a Second Language partnership with Chaffey College

- Implement middle school-aged literacy program.
- Develop teen literacy program that complements existing services for teens.



Technology

Short-term Goals

- Train all staff in Lightspeed
 Makerspace at Ovitt.
- Hire and train makerspace specific part time staff.
- Return makerspace hours to previous
- Evaluate equipment and update as needed

- Outreach and marketing campaign
- Form partnerships with maker community
- Host a large scale maker event in 2024.



Local History

- Continue archiving and cataloging local history material to industry standards
- Establish collaborations with the Ontario Museum of History and Art as well as other local institutions such as Ontario Heritage on programs, exhibits, and other public services
- Develop long range preservation planning for archival collections to ensure the safety and accessibility of historic materials now and into the future.





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Agenda Report

Action: Report & File

SECTION: STAFF REPORTS

Department: Library

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SUBJECT:

Ontario City Library Short & Long Term Goals

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

The following report outlines short-and long- term goals for Ontario City Library. A short-term goal would be defined as a project or service to be completed in 2023-24. A long-term goal would be any project or service after 2024.

Expand library services. For a city the size of Ontario, especially with new development increasing the size and population of the city, two branches will not be adequate to serve the growing population. In 2019, the library worked with Anderson Brule Architects to create a Master Facility Plan. New branches and satellites were included in that future plan, with the building of these based on population growth over time. With the passage of Measure Q, this may change the speed at which these library branches and satellites will be built.

Ideally, the library would like to build one full-service branch in the Great Park, two smaller branches, and two unstaffed satellite locations in as yet undetermined locations. Note that small branches can range from 5-10K square feet and have minimal staffing; satellites would be unstaffed resources with a locker system for picking up materials and a vending machine for checking out materials.

Friends of Ontario City Library. The library is currently revitalizing the Friends of Ontario City Library. During the pandemic, the Friends board shrank to one member. The library hired a temporary PT employee who is an expert in Friends boards to assist in the building of a new board. She has recruited twelve new board members, who held their first formal meeting in November 2022. New officers were elected, and regular meeting dates were established. Additionally, ten new volunteers were recruited to assist in the Friends book sale at both locations. In 2023, the Friends will hold several author events, hold a board retreat in January, work on updating the Friends bylaws, and develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the city outlining Friends and City responsibilities and duties. Beyond 2023, the goals are to sustain board membership, explore new fundraising opportunities outside of selling used books, build a foundation volunteer base at all locations (existing and new) and maintain giving to the library for programs, projects and services. Funds would be allocated for programs and services such as hosting big name events (authors, speakers, etc.) and book giveaways to Ontario youth to enhance home libraries

Literacy. Literacy for all ages is and will remain a core library service. Early literacy for youth ages 0-5 has grown over the last decade. Little Learners Big Futures is the library's early literacy initiative, established in 2019. All story times and related early literacy programs were assessed and are now tailored toward educational programming not only for children but parents as well. Library staff who work with youth are given the same early literacy guidelines to streamline how they plan, prepare and present programs and services, and while each program is unique, the program goals remain consistent, focusing on parents as teachers of young children. To expand on literacy services for youth, Library has developed a staffing model for City Council consideration that will create additional literacy services for elementary-, middle school- and high schoolaged youth while growing current early literacy levels. The elementary-aged initiative will be in the creative stage in 2024. It will supplement literacy for emerging readers, reluctant readers, and readers who are below the state standard, with the goal of fostering a love for reading that follows young readers throughout their educational and life goals as they grow into Ontario adults. In

2025, the library expects to implement middle school literacy and begin targeted programs, collections, and services for 7th-8th grade students. Although the library currently has teen services, the addition of a more pointed literacy component to current teen services is a future goal.

Liftoff to Literacy is Ontario City Library's adult literacy program that provides one-to-one tutoring for participants ages 18 years and older. Adult learners seeking to improve their literacy skills are paired with a volunteer tutor. Currently – and into the future – this program is funded through a grant awarded by the California State Library. The goal for this program is to continue to encourage growth of adult literacy in Ontario. An English as a Second Language component, although not funded by the state, will be added to the program via free classes provided by Chaffey College that will be held at Ovitt Family Community Library starting in 2023.

Technology. In March 2020 at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, the library had a full contingent of PT employees who were trained to work in the library's makerspace, as well as a FT senior library assistant who supervised the PT employees, ran the daily operations of the makerspace, and operated other technological aspects of the library and a FT supervising librarian who oversaw the entire operation, developing public programming and partnerships with outside organizations. The library lost all but one PT employee, and therefore had to cut back hours to the makerspace. Currently, all PT public service staff at Ovitt are being trained to operate equipment in the makerspace. A new librarian starting this month will operate the space and supervise makerspace assigned staff, with other technological duties divided among that staff. Hours will return to normal. The new librarian, working with senior staff, will evaluate current equipment and make recommendations for upgrades. For future goals, an outreach campaign will be conducted to reintroduce the space to Ontario residents. The new librarian will also be establishing strong connections in the local maker community. Finally, the library would like to host a large-scale maker event in Spring 2024 for the annual National Week of Making.

Local History. The goals of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History room would be to continue archiving and cataloging local history material to industry standards, establish collaborations with the Ontario Museum of History and Art as well as other local institutions such as Ontario Heritage on programs, exhibits, and other public services and to develop long range preservation planning for archival collections to ensure the safety and accessibility of historic materials now and into the future. The library continues to receive donations of historical materials but at this time lacks personnel qualified to assess, preserve, arrange,

and describe these materials, making these new materials inaccessible to the public. When the Local History Librarian was promoted in 2021, the position remained unfilled. This has meant that there is not a trained professional archivist to manage local history collections, catalog new collections and items, act as a liaison with Ontario Heritage and other groups, manage new digitization projects, and ensure preservation of materials. The activities of the local history room have remained static for over two years, focusing primarily on keeping the room open to the public 28 hours per week. While currently a senior library assistant is overseeing the day-to-day operations of the room, she is not a trained archivist. Her position only supervises PT staff and ensures that staff are scheduled to assist the public during its open hours.