ONTARIO CITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA



CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
303 E. B STREET • ONTARIO, CA 91764
May 9, 2023 • 6 PM

CALL TO ORDER		6:00 PM				
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE						
ROLL CALL						
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INTRODUCTIONS						
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MINUTES						
MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR March 14, 2023 \Box / \Box						
□ Lanthripe □ Lawli	ss 🗆 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.

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BOARD COMMENTS As a reminder, please make sure board comments pertain to the library and library business.						
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THE ONTARIO CITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OVITT FAMILY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

215 East C Street March 14, 2023

(Subject to Board approval)

CALL TO ORDER This meeting was called to order by Board President Crisol Mena at 6:00

p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Crisol Mena, Board President

MEMBERS PRESENT Board Secretary Ann Lawliss, Board member Elizabeth Ricci were

present.

MEMBERS ABSENT Board Vice President, Gina Lanthripe.

ALSO, PRESENT Library Director, Shawn Thrasher, Library Services Manager, Daisy

Flores, Library Services Manager, Kelly Zackmann, Librarian, Rachelle

Chasey, and Senior Library Assistant Steven Arechiga.

INTRODUCTIONS None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public comments were made

MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Board Secretary Lawliss, seconded by Board member Ricci and unanimously carried to approve the February 14, 2023 minutes.

CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

City Council Representative Debra Porada.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Board member Ricci, seconded by Board Secretary Lawliss and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Calendar for February 2023.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Shawn Thrasher spoke about the following items:

Librarian Danielle Sanchez who is our Teen Librarian at Lewis Family Branch will be leaving to go work at San Bernardino City Library near her home, we are happy for her, but we are very sad. We will be hiring

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two (2) new Librarians to fill her position and Sofia Araya's. Also, we will have two (2) new employees starting in the next couple of weeks, who will come to the next Board meeting to be introduced.

STAFF REPORT

Yarntario and Cucamonga Chess Club: Two volunteer-led Programs

Shawn Thrasher, Library Director presented:

Background:

Yarntario and Cucamonga Chess Club are two volunteer-led programs that occur regularly at Ovitt Family Community Library.

Prior to the pandemic, Yarntario was known as A Good Yarn: Knit and Crochet Club. It was managed by staff who no longer work at the library and went dark during the pandemic closure. In 2021, an active attendee of that program, Matthew Jaramillo, approached the library to inquire as to the return of the knit and crochet gathering. The library director and Jaramillo worked together to restart the program. Jaramillo also suggested changing the name to Yarntario. The library did social media and marketing to encourage people to attend. The first program had over 20 attendees of all ages and backgrounds. Yarntario meets every Tuesday evening at Ovitt Family Community Library from 6-8pm, usually in the Ovitt meeting room. Originally, the group was meeting in the library's literacy classroom, but soon outgrew this space. Jaramillo started an Instagram account to showcase the program which he manages; the library provides additional marketing, space to meet and store supplies, and other types of support for the program. The library has purchased some supplies for the program out of the library's programming budget as well, including yarn and knitting needles. Two volunteers mainly oversee the program: Jaramillo, and Stacy Hu. This includes set up and tear down. The program has approximately 15-20 attendees each Tuesday, weather and holidays excepting. Members range from seasoned knitters and crocheters, those trying to increase their skills, and newbies wanting to learn. All ages are welcome, but parents are encouraged to stay with young children.

lan Erickson, a local college student, approached the library in 2021. His group, Cucamonga Chess Club, started in summer 2021 and had been meeting outside in parks to play. With the advent of colder weather, he was looking for a place to meet indoors. The library agreed to provide a space and market the group through flyers and social media; local community members donated chess boards for the group. The group has been meeting on the first and third Saturdays of every month since January 2022. The average attendance has been around ten players per meeting. A mix of all ages and backgrounds attend the program. Similarly, to Yarntario, the group was meeting in the library's literacy classroom but also outgrew this space and have subsequently moved into the library's meeting room. In December 2022, Friends of Ontario City Library allocated funds to purchase more items needed by Cucamonga Chess Club, including timers. Cucamonga Chess Club and the Friends of Ontario City Library are also in discussion to host a chess tournament as a fundraiser for the Friends while also providing prize money to winners.

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Director Thrasher also read some statistics on the value of Public Libraries and invited the Board to see the details of these values at: https://www.library.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Value-of-Libraries.pdf.

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

Board member Ricci thanked Mr. Jaramillo for giving back to the community.

Secretary Lawliss also commented on her appreciation for Mr. Jaramillo's community involvement in Yarntario.

Board President Mena thanked Mr. Jaramillo for helping to highlight this in the community and commented on how she loves the value that this hobby instills in bringing people together and the lifelong learning aspect of the activity.

City Council Representative Debra Porada commented that the chess club was eye-opening to her and thanked everyone for their involvement. She also asked if Director Thrasher could start a wish list from these volunteer group what they might need (needles for Yarntario) or other supplies and make it known so others can donate.

STAFF REPORT

2023 State of The City

Daisy Flores, Library Services Manager presented:

Background:

This year Ontario will host two events for the State of the City. The State of the City Business Address will be held on Wednesday, March 22 at 5 PM in the Ontario Convention Center and the Community Open House will be held on Saturday, March 25 at 1 PM in Ontario Town Square. Library staff attends both events, networking at the Business Address and hosting a booth at the Community Open House.

The Business Address, held at the Ontario Convention Center, will be a time for networking, including a presentation that features the Mayor and City Council and have various business leaders in attendance. This is an opportunity for Library Board members to share their positive experiences as residents and leaders in the City of Ontario.

The Community Open House will feature city departments and agencies highlighting the many services provided to residents. This event will be outdoors and held at Ontario Town Square. There will be booths, city vehicles, and activities for community members to enjoy.

Library Board Members attending these events have responsibilities to make themselves available to attendees, interact with people from other organizations, answer questions about the city, make connections that could lead to partnerships for the library, and share about the library's programs and services.

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

STAFF REPORT

Early Literacy: From Family Place to LLBF

Rachelle Chasey, Librarian presented:

Background:

In 2011 the Ontario City Library was the recipient of a \$30,000 grant from the California State Library under its California Family Place Library Program. This grant is the foundation and has led the way to what would eventually become the Ontario City Library's Little Learners, Big Futures initiative. The Ontario City Library is proud to provide exposure to early childhood learning activities and raise early childhood development and school readiness awareness and the Family Place project set the framework.

The California Family Place ensured that the Ontario City Library would be able to expand its professional relationships with local early learning agencies and organizations, build community outreach and provide a shared space for children ages 0-4 and their families.

A Family Place Library builds on the knowledge that early learning, parental involvement and supportive communities play a critical role in a young child's growth and development.

In 2012, the Family Place area was created at the Ovitt Family Community Library in the children's area. The Family Place grant also funded parent/child workshops that were held quarterly at the Ovitt Family Community Library and off site at numerous recreation centers. In 2013, a Family Place area was created at the Lewis Family Branch. The Family Place grant also funded a parenting collection which was first created at the Ovitt Family Community Library and then at the Lewis Family Branch. Both collections are located near the Family Place area, making it an ideal browsing section.

The Ontario City Library has been dedicated to early learning and literacy for many years. With innovative and supportive programming for children ages 0-5, our Little Learners, Big Futures initiative encourages a child's success to start at home. Both library branches provide innovative early childhood programming that fall under the LLBF umbrella.

The following programs are Lewis specific.

- Reggio Emilia for Little Learners: The Reggio Emilia approach is an
 educational philosophy based on the principals of respect, responsibility
 and community through exploration, discovery and play.
- Dramatic Play for Little Learners: These programs encourage little learners to take on roles and act them out in a way of exploring themselves and their surroundings. Academic research calls this "sociodramatic play" but

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in all essence it is "pretending."

• S.T.E.AM for Little Learners: S.T.E.A.M programming is essential to early childhood education as it allows little learners to explore, experiment and create in a safe and nurturing environment.

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

Board member Ricci thanked the Librarian Chasey for the program as she appreciated the specials needs programs.

Board Secretary Lawliss also thanked Librarian Chasey for this "great program".

Board President Mena thanked Librarian Chasey for the presentation and the program as she too has had experience with special education needs.

City Council Representative Porada commented on how the Board can help the school district give more attention to the reading needs of children if they are not reading at their level.

Library Services Manager, Daisy Flores informed the Board that the Library had connected with Ontario Montclair School District's Parent Education Center (OMSD) and they will have their representatives help the Library communicate the Library's programming and services. In addition, the Library will be presenting their services to OMSD in the coming weeks with parents doing tours of the library which will help strengthen the partnership.

STAFF REPORT

National Library Week

Steven Arechiga, Senior Library Assistant presented:

Background:

The Ontario City Library will be celebrating its annual National Library Week from April 23 - 29, 2023. The Ovitt Family Community Library will be having its second "Date Your Library" event on Wednesday, April 26, from 5-7pm. Library patrons will have the chance to speed date the library by stopping at specific points throughout the library to get elevator pitches on a variety of programs and services. Kids can simulate working in a library through dramatic play, teens will learn about the various equipment in our lightspeed makerspace, and adults can visit our Model Colony local history room, workforce development office or our veteran's resource to name a few. The Lewis Family Branch will also celebrate National Library Week with the with activities throughout the week and a "Love Learning and the Library" program for adults on 4/25 from 6:30p -7:30p.

Senior Library Assistant Arechiga asked Library Board members to consider a motion to approve two for the price of one movie checkouts during the entirety of National Library Week.

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Board member Ricci made the motion to approve two for the price of one movie checkouts during the entirety of National Library Week, the motion was seconded by President Mena and unanimously approved.

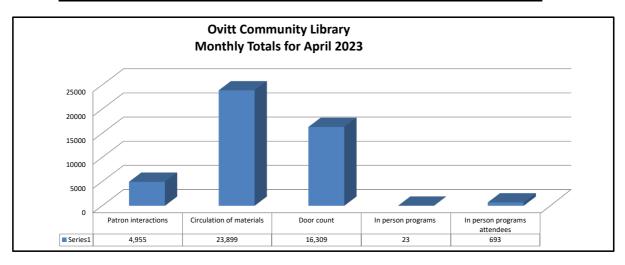
Nelva Costello, Senior Administrative Assistant

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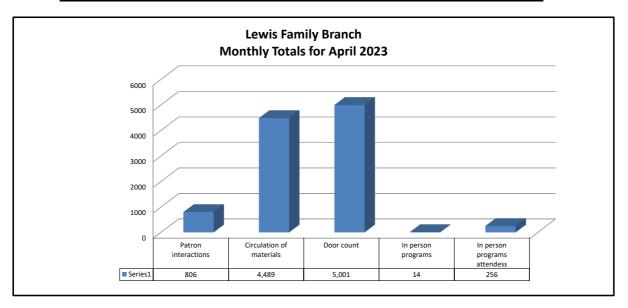
City of Ontario Ovitt Community Library Total Statistics for the Month of April 2023

Site	Patron interactions	Circulation of materials	Door count	In person programs	In person programs attendees
Ovitt	4,955	23,899	16,309	23	693



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

Site	Patron interactions	Circulation of materials	Door count	In person programs	In person programs attendess
Lewis	806	4,489	5,001	14	256





CITY OF ONTARIO COMMUNITY LIFE & CULTURE

Agenda Report May 9, 2023

SECTION: Click or tap here to enter text.

Department: Ontario City Library **Prepared By:** Briana Ochoa

Staff Member Presenting: Briana Ochoa

Approved By: Shawn Thrasher **Action:** Choose an item.

SUBJECT

Beverly Cleary Young Reader's Room Ribbon Cutting and Birthday Bash

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

In July 2022, an Ontario resident submitted a naming request form to the Library Board to request that the City Council of Ontario name the Ovitt Family Community Library children's room in honor of the children's author, Beverly Cleary. After approval from City Council, the Library Board met in September 2022 and chose the name "Beverly Cleary Young Readers Room."

In 1934, Beverly Cleary moved to Ontario to attend Chaffey Junior College. The first year, she lived with her cousins Verna and Fred Clapp. Verna was a librarian at Chaffey College and Fred was the swim coach. In her memoir, My Own Two Feet, Cleary recounts, "We drove up Euclid Avenue, Ontario's main street, which appeared to end in mountains. This was the California I had imagined" (pg, 20). The following school year, Cleary shared an apartment on Euclid Avenue with another Chaffey

classmate and was in need of a part time job. With the referral of Clapp, Cleary was offered a position at Ontario City Library (then called the Ontario Public Library) as a substitute librarian. As Cleary pursued librarianship, she often recalled her time at Ontario City Library fondly as her inspiration. She attended and graduated from UC Berkeley and the University of Washington's School of Librarianship.

Cleary became a children's librarian for a public library in Yakima, Washington. She recalls a group of boys who came into the library looking for books about children like them. This question lingered with Cleary for years and served as her foundation for writing children's fiction. In 1950, her first children's novel, *Henry Huggins*, was published. Cleary went on to write 38 children's books, which include two autobiographies. Cleary is praised for her work of portraying children's concerns realistically with humor and seriousness. She is the recipient of several awards for her books and contributions to literature, including the prestigious Newberry Award for Dear Mr. Henshaw.

On April 12, 2023, the Ontario City Library hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony and family event for the naming of the Beverly Cleary Young Readers Room. The community was invited to watch the unveiling of the new sign and partake in activities themed after Cleary's characters. Over 100 community members were present for the event. Throughout April, community members of all ages can participate in a Drop Everything and Read: A Beverly Cleary Reading Challenge on OntarioCA.Beanstack.org. Participants earned up to 5 badges for reading in 30-minute increments throughout the month and a bonus badge for attending the ribbon cutting and family event. 55 community members participated in the challenge. National Drop Everything and Read Day was created in 2006 by HarperCollins, American Library Association and the National Education Association and National Parent Teacher Association and was adopted to celebrate Cleary's 90th birthday. The holiday encourages families to make reading together a daily, family priority. This reading challenge will be a yearly staple at Ontario City Library to celebrate Cleary's life and works.

Ontario City Library will be working with the Ontario Museum, Arts and Culture Manager to have a mural created in Beverly Cleary's honor. The mural will be displayed behind the Beverly Cleary reference desk. Additionally, a plaque will be placed in the room explaining the significance of Beverly Cleary and why the children's area is named after her.

Beverly Cleary Birthday Bash

Presented By:
Briana Ochoa, MLIS
Supervising Librarian
May 2023



Cleary & Ontario City Library







Cleary's Impact

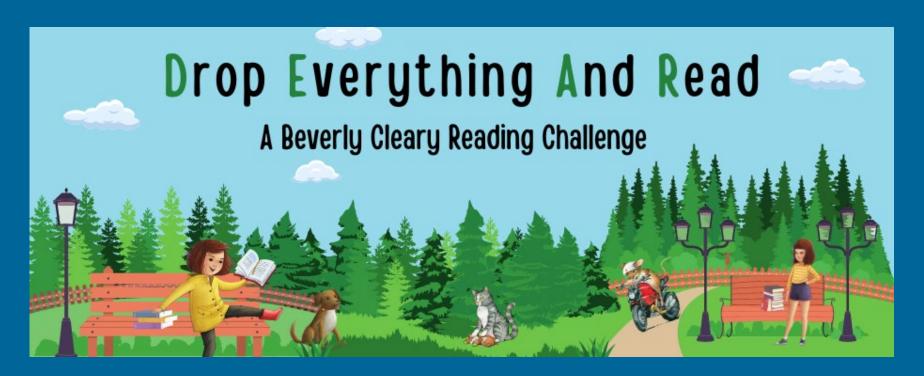




Beverly Cleary Young Readers Room









What's Next?







CITY OF ONTARIO COMMUNITY LIFE & CULTURE

Agenda Report

SECTION: STAFF REPORTS

Valle-Mancilla

Staff Member Presenting: Leslie Matamoros & Miriam Valle-Mancilla

SUBJECT:

A new permanent exhibit at the Ontario Museum of History & Art: Built on Water: Ontario and Inland Southern California

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

In 2017, the Ontario Museum of History & Art began developing a new permanent exhibition, which was inspired by efforts underway to redesign the Museum's landscaping with native plants and water-saving features. Curatorial staff realized there was a bigger story to tell about water and its importance in Ontario. The Museum was awarded a Museums for America grant from the Institute of Library and Museum Services for this new exhibit in 2018. Built on Water: Ontario and Inland Southern California focuses on the history and future of water in the Ontario region and the Chino Basin, and was developed collaboratively with local archivists, water agencies, teachers, tribal members, college students and historians. The grant funds were used to plan and implement the 1,200 square-foot exhibition, as well as create educational

programming and interactive components such as a mobile app that explores the future of water management and a VR experience that follows the life of a Monarch butterfly. The Curator of Exhibits and Curator of Education will present on the four chapter themes of the exhibit and complimentary visitor engagement activities and resources.

- 1. Where Does Water Come From?
- 2. Who Does Water Belong to?
- 3. Do we Have Enough Water?
- 4. Who are the Water Guardians?

Built on Water will have a grand opening celebration on Saturday, August 19 from 6 PM – 9 PM in conjunction with the quarterly Ontario Art Walk. Additionally, the staff invites the public to join us on Thursday, August 31 at 6 PM for a panel discussion with contributors to the exhibit's Community Voices on Water project. Participants will discuss why water is such an important aspect of living here in the Inland Empire.

Built on Water is made possible through the generous support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services and by the City of Ontario and the Ontario Municipal Utilities Company.

Built on Water: Ontario and Inland Southern California

Presented By:

Leslie Matamoros, Curator of Exhibitions Miriam Valle-Mancilla, Curator of Education May 9, 2023



Big Idea

To share knowledge about the importance of clean, reliable water for our region.

Chapters

- Where does Water come from?
- Who does Water belong to?
- Do we have enough Water?
- Who are the Water guardians?

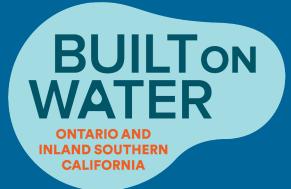




















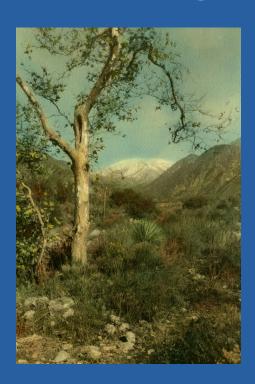
Exhibit Acknowledgement

The Ontario Museum of History & Art is situated on the ancestral homelands of Tongva, Cahuilla, Serrano, and Luiseño Peoples. We recognize and celebrate the fact that these communities remain deeply connected to their homelands, waterways, and traditions. In this exhibition, we have done our best to educate our visitors about how these communities connected with water prior to settler contact, and how this relationship changed once the City of Ontario was founded. However, we recognize that not every tribal perspective is included and that we were not able to explore the complexities of experiences and terms, up to and including the concept of the "Model Colony."

We therefore are committing our institution to creating sustainable, and reciprocal relationships with our local Native communities with the goal of telling their stories of removal, displacement, and resilience with accuracy and honesty. This exhibition signals the beginning of our storytelling effort to compare and contrast Euro-centric interpretations of history through more inclusive research, programming, and exhibitions. We invite our visitors to join us on this journey of collective learning and consider the range of histories that are embedded in the land that we live on and share today.



Engineering Water





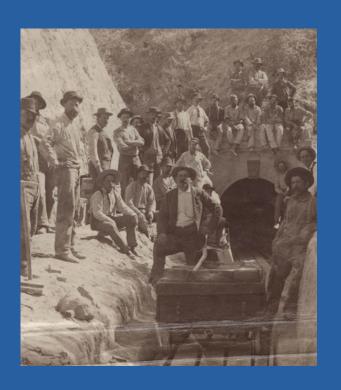
Left
San Antonio Canyon Wash, 1946,
photographic print
Courtesy of the Special
Collections, the Claremont
Colleges Library, Claremont,
California

Right
Water Pipe and T Fitting, n.d.,
steel and redwood
Courtesy of the San Antonio
Water Company

This metal pipe with a redwood cork was located on the corner of 25th Street and Euclid Avenue. It was still in use in 1996 until it was removed to be replaced with new modern pipes.



Where Does Water Come From?





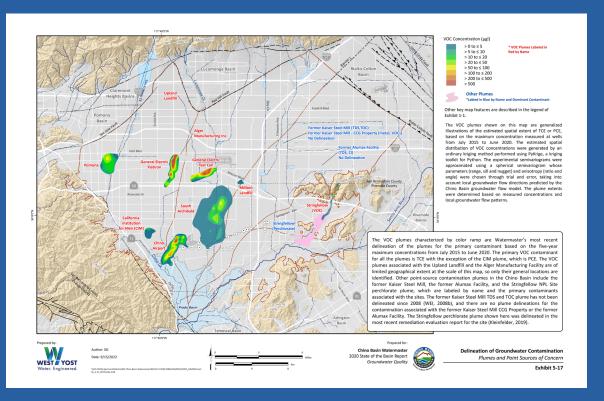
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San Antonio Canyon
Water Tunnel, c. 1800s,
photographic print
Courtesy of the Robert E.
Ellingwood Model
Colony History Room,
Ontario City Library

Right
Supply Trolley, c. 1890s
Wood and steel
Courtesy of the San Antonio
Water Company

The wood trolley was used to carry supplies in the construction of the San Antonio Canyon water tunnels.



Who Does Water Belong To?



2020 State of the Basin Report, 2020 Digital print Courtesy of the Chino Basin

Watermaster



Do We Have Enough Water?







Steel Recycled Water Pipes, n.d.
Digital print
Courtesy of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency



Who Are The Water Guardians?



Water Guardian Pledge Cards

I pledge to complete a water conservation checklist with my



Complete a water conservation checklist with my family.

There are many ways to cut back on water use throughout your house, from your kitchen and bathroom to your laundry room, and even by fixing leaks. Audit how your family uses water at home by completing a conservation checklist.





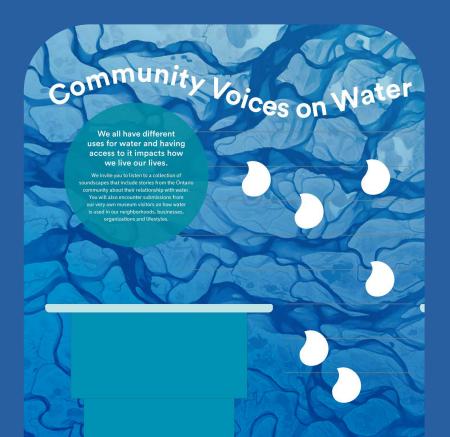
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Nature Scout Magnet Activity

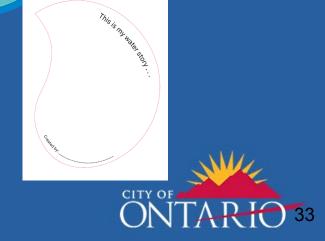


Community Voices on Water



Share Your Story with Us!

Why is water important to you?
Using a pencil and printed water droplet, share your story by writing or drawing your answer. Hang your water droplet with the other community voices on the wall.



Water Keepers



Virtual Reality



Supportive Resources



Mobile App: Water Keepers will be available to download on iPhone & Android phones



K-12 Curriculum for Educators

Next year, museum will develop lesson plans for parents to do at home.



Virtual Reality experience can be programmed in purchased VR headsets



Themes and topics the exhibit invites the public to think about:

Use of Water Water Climate Change Conservation Resources **Protecting** Recycling Native Plants & **Urban Greenery** Wildlife Impact of Water Local Water Water footprint on communities History (inequities)

Upcoming Programs at the Library



WATER-WISE GARDENING Sept. 9 @ 6PM



SAGING THE WORLD
DOCUMENTARY
SCREENING
Oct. 26 @ 6 PM



GUARDIAN
Nov. 7 @ 6 PM



Reflection Questions



How can the city continue to tell the history and future of water?



How can library and model colony room support these histories in their archive collection?



What books and resources are available to the public to investigate more?



Whose stories are we missing that we can work on preserving and sharing with our community?



Thank you!

We welcome any questions.

