



A *Key Messages Update* is published monthly which includes items from the Board and the administration. These topics include the highlights and successes of the month, as well as the Board's perspective on matters of importance. Key Messages for the month are presented under each of the [Strategic Plan](#) Pillars. [Subscribe to our Key Messages!](#)

## Key Messages of the Month September 2022

### *Community Hubs*

- ***Truth & Reconciliation Programs:*** The Blue Mountains Public Library continues to promote Indigenous resources in July and August by creating both in-person and virtual Indigenous resources guides. A brochure was created "How to be an Indigenous Ally" which was shared with local community residents and on social media. Two different programs, sponsored by the Government of Canada, are occurring on [September 27<sup>th</sup>](#) and [September 30<sup>th</sup>](#) with future events planned in partnership with [Rotary](#) occurring throughout the fall. [CH1.2, ES1.6]
- ***Face to Face Speaker Series Returns:*** Monthly Author Talks at L.E. Shore have resumed to in-person presentations. L.E. Shore hosted local authors, Katie Zdybel and Brock Turner in the Summer months for conversations, and connection with an audience of older adults and children. These all-ages events were well attended and will be featured in the Blue Mountain Review with an article written by Robert Burcher. L.E. Shore also hosted a live audience recording of a new podcast called The Author's Voice. [CH1.3, CH2.7]
- ***Gallery Receptions Return:*** The return of the monthly Gallery opening reception occurred September 2<sup>nd</sup> for the [Outdoor Adventures](#) exhibit. The next opening reception is scheduled for [October 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm for the October Duo](#). [CH1.3, CH2.7]



- **Sunset of Ravenna Hall Pop-Up Services:** Pop-up GLAMs at Ravenna Hall were designed to offer information for seniors, families and rural residents to help with isolation and to provide a community hub space where they live, work, and play. These hours were begun following requests during the Strategic Planning consultation process for more rural opportunities. Unfortunately, attendance has been very low, often with no attendance at all. Where staff found higher numbers was, not at pop-up library services, but at scheduled programs. Therefore, the use of Ravenna Hall will still be used for community programs in the future. We will review this service in 2023 and determine if there is need in Summer 2023. [CH1.3, CH2.2].

## Empowering Services

- **Blue Mountain Pottery Calendar for Sale!** The Craigeith Heritage Depot is fundraising to produce a book on the history of Blue Mountain Pottery. Conrad Biernacki, a recent ROM retiree is writing the book in partnership with CHD. A beautiful fundraising calendar featuring images from the collection and historical highlights throughout the year is now on sale at both branches. All proceeds from the calendar will go toward the publication of the book. [ES1.4]
- **The Mapping Ravenna** outreach program brought new information forward and provided a great afternoon of community connection. It was a full afternoon with visitors dropping in and sharing their memories, images, documents and history. Prior to and after the event historical information came into the museum from far and wide to add to the community knowledge base. It was a great afternoon that flew by for all those in attendance. [CH2.3, ES1.9, OE5.3]

## Organizational Excellence

- **Board Recruitment Deputation:** The Board will be making a Deputation to Council on September 26<sup>th</sup> on how we can support Council in recruiting 2022-2026 Library Board members. [OE1.4, OE4.2]
- **Legacy Report & Board Information Night:** The Board passed a Legacy Document at the September meeting, this and other information will be available at the November 8<sup>th</sup> Information Night and on the Board Recruitment page for those who are considering applying for the Board. [OE1.6, OE1.13, OE1.14]
- **GoVAXX Bus at L.E. Shore:** The GoVAXX bus has been to L.E. Shore 3 times, the latest on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The final GoVAXX Bus for the season will be on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am-4pm. [Registration](#) is not required. Drop-ins are welcome. [OE4].
- **Board Exit Interviews:** As we come to the end of the Board term, The Chair and CEO will be completing exit interviews with each board member. A report was received at the September Board meeting, which included the types of questions and research behind the process. Ultimately, this information will be used to determine how to improve the recruitment, onboarding, training and general experience of board members. [OE2.17]