

Announcement



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Markham Public Libraries Announces Retirement of Bob Henderson

Markham Public Libraries (MPL) today announced the planned retirement of Bob Henderson, Director, Strategic Planning and Service Support effective February 28, 2007.

Bob Henderson, Director, Strategic Planning and Service Support joined MPL in 1987 as Head Cataloguer. In the past 20 years he has been instrumental in moving MPL from the card catalogue to the electronic world, including public Internet access, and the implementation of RFID and other technologies. Largely through his efforts, MPL now occupies an enviable place among Canadian libraries in terms of electronic services and resources.

Mr. Henderson has worked tirelessly to cultivate the relationship between the Library Board and the Town of Markham, most notably in the areas of financial management and IT integration.

He has been actively involved in the promotion of public libraries and the library profession through his involvement in library associations including serving on the Board of Directors for Library Service Centre and the University of Toronto's Faculty of Information Services Alumni Association.

Catherine Biss, CEO Markham Public Libraries, noted "Bob's contribution to MPL's success is significant and recognized throughout the library community."

"He has fostered the development of staff, championed environmental responsibility, and kept MPL at the forefront of change. The knowledge and experience he takes with him is immeasurable. We are grateful for his service and his friendship and extend congratulations and best wishes for a well deserved retirement! "

Effective March 1, 2007 Larry Pogue, formerly Director, Public Service Quality is appointed Director, Administration & Operational Support.

Moe Hosseini-Ara, formerly Manager, Markham Village Library is appointed Director, Service Excellence.

Debbie Walker, formerly Manager Library Strategy is appointed Director, Strategy & Innovation.

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