

Hamilton Public Library Receives the W. Kaye Lamb Award for Service to Seniors

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The Ex Libris Association last week announced that the the Hamilton Public Library is the recipient of the 2017 W. Kaye Lamb Award for Service to Seniors. The Mount Sinai Hospital received an honourable mention.

Presented biennially, the award recognizes a library that has developed an ongoing service, programme, or procedure of benefit to seniors and/or a design and organization of buildings or facilities that improve access and encourage use by seniors.

2017 W.K. Lamb award winner – Hamilton Public Library

The recipient of the Kaye Lamb Award (2016-17) is the Hamilton Public Library with honourable mention to the Mount Sinai Hospital for their Healthy Aging and Geriatric Programme.

Ex Libris received a number of excellent submissions by libraries and information centres across Canada but the most outstanding submission was from the Hamilton Public Library. In addition to usual programmes for seniors, the Hamilton Public Library collaborates and partners with a large number of community agencies, such as the Alzheimer's Society of Hamilton, McMaster University and the Hamilton Council on Agency. Specifically, HPL offers innovative services such as a Peer Connection Volunteer Program for seniors, the establishment of Older Adults Social Clubs in two underserved and marginalized community areas, and the creation of a Community Resource Worker and Disabilities Services at their Central branch. There are future plans to make their branches dementia friendly. An outstanding contribution by HPL!

The submission from the Mount Sinai Hospital — our first from a non public institution — was also outstanding. Their commitment to evidence based research and services for their senior clientele is a model for all institutions.