

2022 Recreation, Respite & Life Skills Fair Exhibitor Profile

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| Name of Organization or Program: | Toronto Public Library |
| Catchment Area (geographic location): | City of Toronto |
| Age range serviced: e.g. 6-18 yrs.18 and up: | All ages |
| Client population (disability specific): | All abilities |
| Family and sibling programming: | <p>Online live and recorded library programs are available for all ages. Programs include: storytime, computer classes, author events, and more.</p> <p>Recorded programs are closed-captioned. Live captioning and sign language interpretation are available for live programs by request in advance.</p> <p>In-person programming is currently suspended. (Information as of January 10, 2022.)</p> <p>Library collections for all ages are available in many accessible formats, including: e-books; audiobooks and e-audiobooks; picture books with audio narration; audio comic books; dyslexia-friendly readers; and DAISY CDs.</p> <p>Toronto Public Library members with print disabilities can register for the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) to access collections for all ages in more accessible formats, including braille, e-text, and e-audio. Educators who support students with print disabilities are also eligible to register for CELA.</p> <p>Other accessibility services at the library: Home Library Service; assistive reading devices and adaptive software for use in branches; fine exempt status.</p> <p>Visit tpl.ca/accessibility for more information about accessibility at Toronto Public Library.</p> |

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| Program Application deadlines: | Some programs have registration deadlines. |
| Waitlist Information: | Some programs have waitlists. |
| Program /Service costs: | Free |
| Client Ratios: | One library staff person per program |
| Type of programming or service offered: (e.g. respite, recreation, life-skills, transitions, equipment, other) | Literacy, technology, life-long learning, and more! |
| Group or individual services provided: | Programs are mostly for group audiences, with some exceptions. |
| Is one-on-one support provided: | No, except for some homework help programs with volunteer tutors or one-on-one research help with library staff. |
| Do you offer in-person programming: | Usually, but in-person programming is currently suspended. (Information as of January 10, 2022.) |
| Do you offer virtual programming: | Yes. Visit tpl.ca/programs for information. |
| What precautions have you put in place to ensure that your program will continue if there are changes in provincial pandemic requirements? | We have moved all our programming online. (Information as of January 10, 2022.) |
| Is there a Covid-19 vaccination mandate for staff at your organization? | Yes |
| Will my child need to be vaccinated in order to participate in the program/service? | No |
| Contact: | Answerline, 416-397-5981, tpl.ca Accessibility Services, accessibleservices@tpl.ca , 416-393-7099, tpl.ca/accessibility |
| Other Important information to share: | To ensure that we can continue to offer consistent and equitable library services across the city, we have temporarily closed 44 of our smaller, less busy branches. 52 of our largest and most-used library branches will remain open and staff from closed locations will be reassigned to these branches. These operational changes are due to COVID-19 related staffing shortages. Planned closures enable us to offer consistent and equitable service across the city. To find out the status of your branch, visit: tpl.ca/branches . (Information as of January 10, 2022.) |

When visiting a library branch, please remember to wear your mask, even if you've been fully vaccinated, and practice physical distancing. For everyone's safety, in-person services are limited and modified, and staff cannot offer the same extended support as we used to. Individuals who refuse to wear a mask without declaring a medical or legal exemption, whether at a branch or waiting in line outside, will be refused service. For more information, visit: tpl.ca.