

Biblio Bash

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Highlights and Fundraising Impact

Toronto Public Library Board Meeting
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GALA HIGHLIGHTS

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\$1,070,100

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A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

The Toronto Reference Library was transformed for this black-tie gala with over 400 guests and 37 notable Canadian authors in attendance.

We welcomed Toronto's city builders, library lovers, business leaders and philanthropists to an intimate evening dedicated to raising funds for Library initiatives in support of teen social health and mental wellness.

Since its inception in 2017, Biblio Bash had raised over \$6.3 million to support Toronto Public Library's highest-priority needs and assist some of our city's most vulnerable residents.

We could not have reached this ambitious fundraising goal without the tremendous support of Co-Presenting Sponsors; Fitzrovia and CIBC.



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THE IMPACT OF BIBLIO BASH

Beyond the \$1,070,100

Steward existing donors

- Bring like-minded philanthropists and library champions together
- Deepen engagement in the Library's work.
 - Hear from the City Librarian
 - Learn about a new fundraising priority
- See TRL transformed

Introduce new donors

- Re-engage with the Library
- Raise awareness of TPL as a vital institution worthy of philanthropic support

Post event engagement

- Customized thank you notes
- Personalized outreach to engage guests (e.g. library tours, invitations to learn more)
- Continued engagement: spring fundraising campaign posts, invite to donor events and ask to host author talks



MARKETING & MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

2025 BIBLIO BASH AUTHORS



Photos by celebrity photographer George Pimentel

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

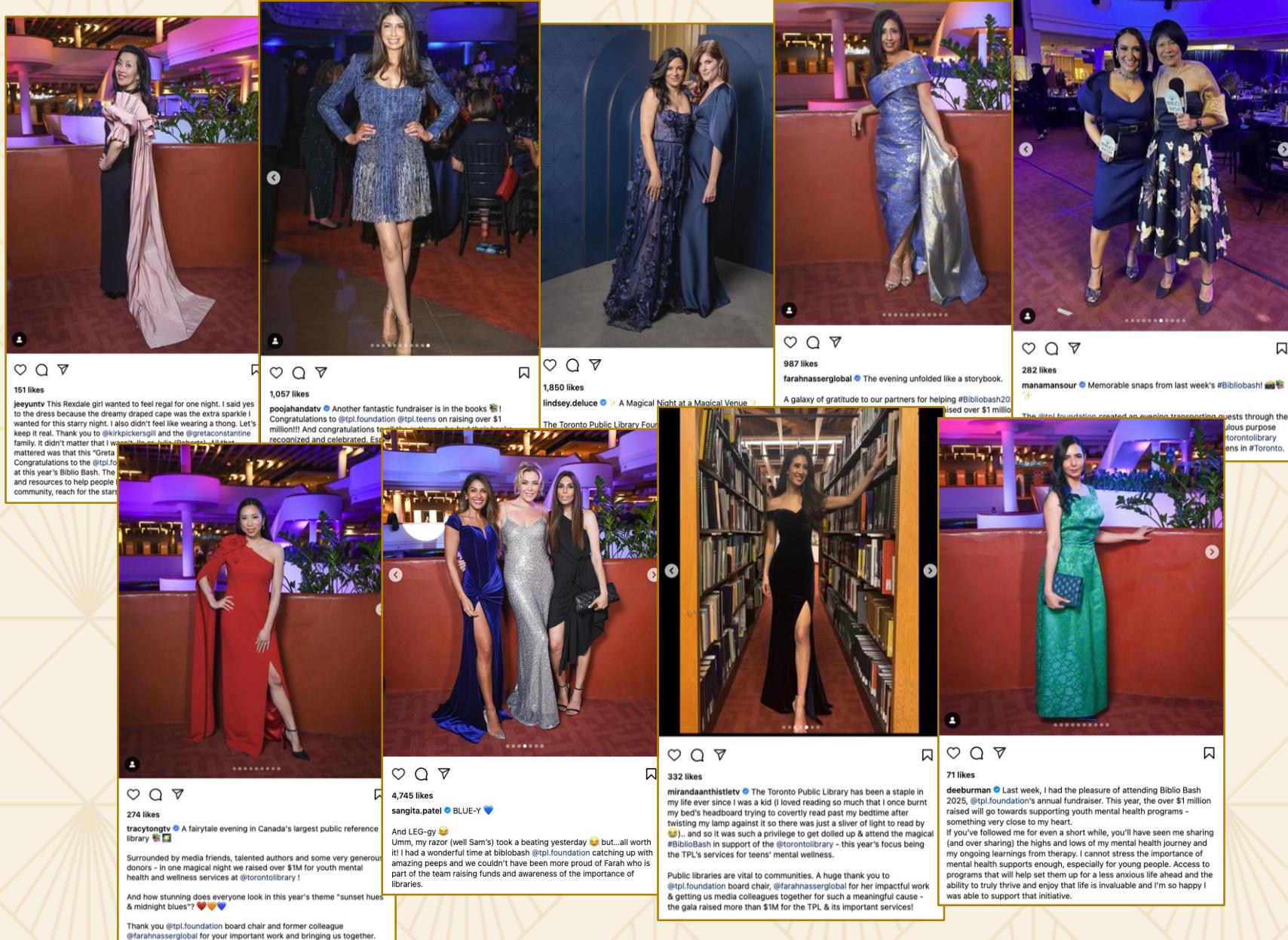


Guests included journalists, freelance writers, anchors, hosts and producers from: CBC, CityNews, CP24, CTV News, CTV Your Morning, FASHION Magazine, Global News, Globe and Mail, The Kit, The Social, Toronto Star

← Photograph:

- Nathan Downer, CTV News Toronto
- Miranda Anthistle, Global News
- Tracy Tong, Global News
- Michelle Dubé, CTV News Toronto
- Dr. Chika Stacy Oriuwa, Author
- Farah Nasser, CBC
- Sangita Patel, formerly ET Canada
- Pooja Handa, CHFI
- Lindsey Deluce, CTV Your Morning
- Alan Carter, CityNews
- Kamil Karamali, CTV News

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS





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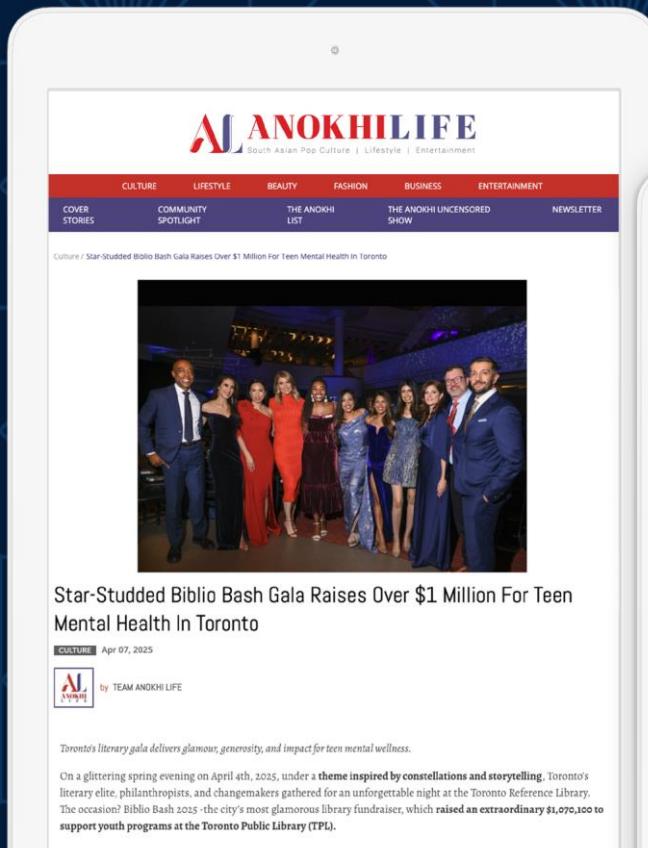
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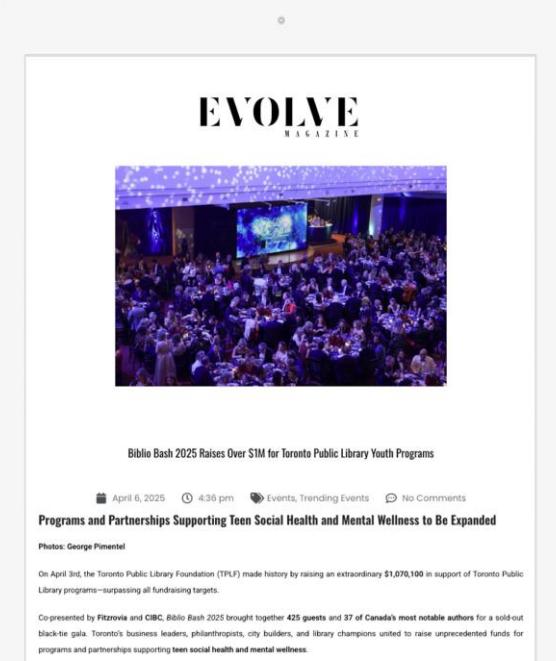
Star-Studded Biblio Bash Gala Raises Over \$1 Million For Teen Mental Health In Toronto

CULTURE April 07, 2025

by TEAM ANOKHI LIFE

Toronto's literary gala delivers glamour, generosity, and impact for teen mental wellness.

On a glittering spring evening on April 4th, 2025, under a theme inspired by constellations and storytelling, Toronto's literary elite, philanthropists, and changemakers gathered for an unforgettable night at the Toronto Reference Library. The occasion? Biblio Bash 2025—the city's most glamorous library fundraiser, which raised an extraordinary \$1,070,100 to support youth programs at the Toronto Public Library (TPL).



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Biblio Bash 2025 Raises Over \$1M for Toronto Public Library Youth Programs

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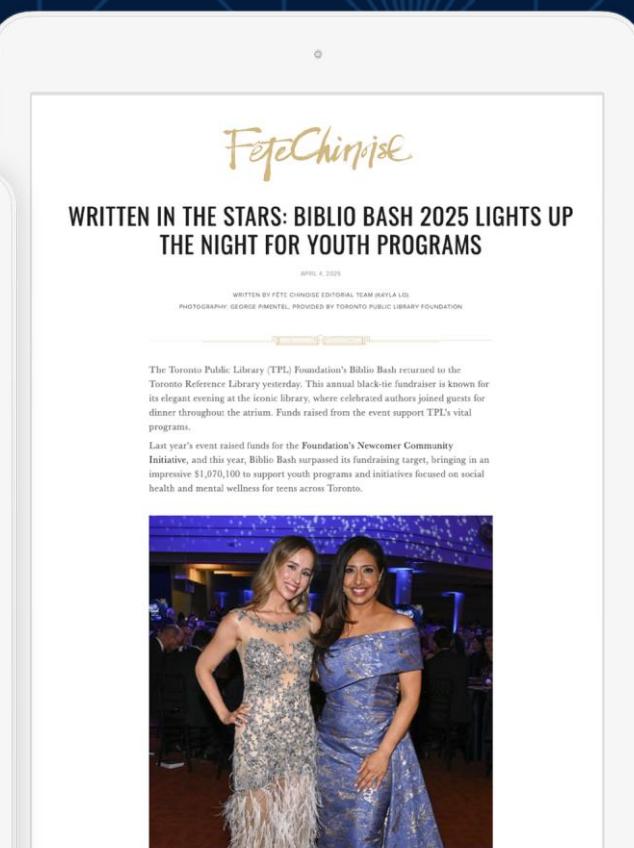
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Programs and Partnerships Supporting Teen Social Health and Mental Wellness to Be Expanded

Photos: George Pimentel

On April 3rd, the Toronto Public Library Foundation (TPLF) made history by raising an extraordinary \$1,070,100 in support of Toronto Public Library programs—surpassing all fundraising targets.

Co-presented by Fitzrovia and CIBC, Biblio Bash 2025 brought together 425 guests and 37 of Canada's most notable authors for a sold-out black-tie gala. Toronto's business leaders, philanthropists, city builders, and library champions united to raise unprecedented funds for programs and partnerships supporting teen social health and mental wellness.



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WRITTEN IN THE STARS: BIBLIO BASH 2025 LIGHTS UP THE NIGHT FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS

APRIL 4, 2025

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The Toronto Public Library (TPL) Foundation's Biblio Bash returned to the Toronto Reference Library yesterday. This annual black-tie fundraiser is known for its elegant evening at the iconic library, where celebrated authors joined guests for dinner throughout the atrium. Funds raised from the event support TPL's vital programs.

Last year's event raised funds for the Foundation's Newcomer Community Initiative, and this year, Biblio Bash surpassed its fundraising target, bringing in an impressive \$1,070,100 to support youth programs and initiatives focused on social health and mental wellness for teens across Toronto.



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What went down at the 2025 Biblio Bash party

With appearances by Elamin Abdelmahoud, Heather O'Neill and Mayor Olivia Chow

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THE GENEROSITY OF DONORS MAKES
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Everybody has a library story.
This is Arden's.

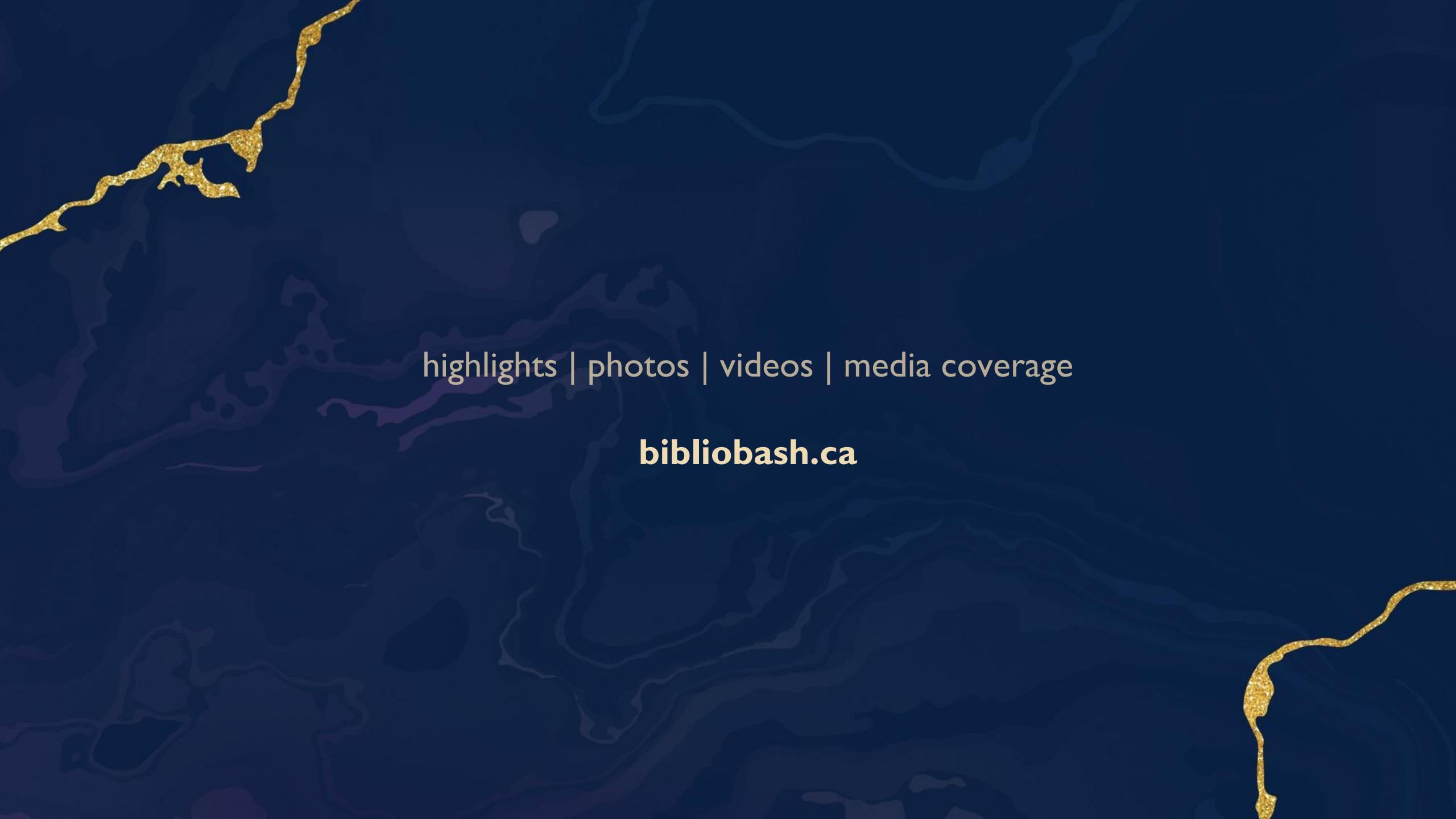
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Communication was something I struggled with when I was younger, and through the Library I was able to develop those skills in order for me to succeed in my career today. **Without TPL and the services, programs and spaces it offers, I don't think I would be the same adult I am today.**

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- Arden, who volunteered with TPL's Teen Council.





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FUNDRAISING IMPACT

Teen social health and wellness



Teen social health and wellness

Support through partnerships

- Explore programs that strengthen family, peer and community connections
- Expand leadership and social skills training for teen volunteers
- Provide staff training to better support teen mental health
- Consider community-building initiatives through space activations

Teen social health and wellness

First year goals

- Host a conference-style youth wellness event
- Deliver multi-week social health program series
- Pilot workshops for teens and their families
- Offer teen volunteer training sessions and staff training workshops
- Explore space activations designed to encourage social engagement

A dark, star-filled space background with a nebula on the left.

Thank you.