

Toronto Public Library Foundation Announces Chief Executive Officer



April 4, 2022 (Toronto, ON) – The Toronto Public Library Foundation Board is pleased to announce the appointment of William “Will” Scott as Chief Executive Officer, effective April 4, 2022.

Will joins the TPL Foundation after serving as the Chief Advancement Officer at Evergreen, the largest environmental organization focused on urban issues in Canada, where he led the team that grew annual revenues by 50% and secured over \$10M of capital investments for its Toronto hub, Evergreen Brickworks.

As a former urban public school teacher and history professor, Will has an abiding commitment to literacy and education. He has spent much of his adult life working in multi-racial settings outside of Canada, most recently in Hawai‘i, and moved home to Ontario with his husband and daughter in 2016. He received his BA (Honours) from Dartmouth College and his MA and PhD in History from the University of California, Berkeley.

Will is coming on board at a pivotal time as the Toronto Public Library Foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2022 and begins implementing an ambitious new 3-year strategic plan. As Toronto faces unprecedented challenges and growing inequities resulting from the pandemic, the demand for Library access, services, programs and spaces increases. It is critical that the capacity of the TPL Foundation grows to meet the future aspirations of the Library.

“Will is well-poised to lead the Foundation towards its fundraising goals and its mission to build a strong community of supporters dedicated to amplifying and accelerating TPL’s exceptional work” commented Anne Maggisano, Chair of the Toronto Public Library Foundation Board. “He connects deeply with the mission, vision and values of the Toronto Public Library. He also brings considerable strategic and business acumen that will further the Foundation Board’s strategic vision for transformational impact at TPL.”



“I have worked as an educator in many settings throughout my career, including public schools, prisons, rural indigenous communities, and elite universities. I have seen firsthand how libraries and librarians play an important role in the educational process,” says Will. “I am excited to now jump in and learn all I can about Toronto Public Library, connect with our donor community and explore new and innovative ways in which the TPL Foundation’s impact can grow and help make an already excellent city asset even better.”

ABOUT THE TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Toronto Public Library Foundation is a registered charity that raises funds to support the exemplary collections, ground-breaking programs and services, and the innovative community spaces at the world’s busiest public library system; Toronto Public Library. 2022 marks the TPL Foundation’s 25th anniversary, and since its inception in 1997, the Foundation has raised over \$95 million thanks to generous donors and corporate partners. Donating to Toronto Public Library is an investment in literacy, education, culture and in the vitality of a world-class city.

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