

Marcus Logan, Manager, Community Development & Engagement for the Oakville Public (OPL) Library, has been with OPL. for over two years. Marcus' previous community work centered in childrens' mental health with a focus on 2SLGBTQ+ children youth and families. Marcus is known in his community as a bridge builder and connector—he has a solid reputation for community development and engagement and is known for creating innovative and supportive out of the box programming and partnerships. Marcus is an active board member of [Lighthouse for Grieving Children](#). He is also a retired volunteer camp director for Camp Ten Oaks and is currently transitioning to becoming a board member at [Camp Ten Oaks](#).

So why PLL?

As a non-librarian hired to lead major community engagement in for our library, I was invited by my CEO to participate to give me a better understating of all areas of the library. I was interested in working in a public library because of my community engagement background. I thought it was a great fit in that I could bring in and connect with a wider range of communities who may not already be accessing library services. I was already on those communities and libraries offer so much to a community and I wanted to be a part of that.

I am getting a lot of the course. To have access to the different systems and their projects and leadership is an incredible gift. Being able to look into other systems really opens p possibility for my system as I can take ideas and examples and replicate or develop locally. The other participants are amazing and we have really bonded and are being to access each other for support, ideas, resources.

How do you see it being transformative in the future?

Its transformative for my future in a library system gained so much knowledge and inspiration from the current library CEOs and directors and the incredible staff who are a part of a community and transforming communities. I am inspired every day in PLL.

Library leadership is important because libraries are vital in the health of a community and we need visionary leadership to do this work. PLL really sets us up for success and for the future of libraries. I love being able to dive deep into the operations, municipality and community relationships of a library. I am taking away value lessons, inspiring and innovative approaches to community development ad engagement and most importantly lifelong learning and lifelong friends.