



Researcher Tips

What is a Researcher?

A researcher is the person responsible for seeking out new opportunities for Community Engagement. A researcher has an in depth knowledge of the community and is always aware of what is going on.

Qualities of a Researcher

- Researchers have in depth knowledge of the community.
- Researchers enjoy searching out information on the internet.
- Researchers enjoy seeking out specials and deals in the community.
- Researchers tend to watch trends and know what's 'in'.
- Researchers enjoy accumulating knowledge and sharing their knowledge with everyone else.
- Researchers are information specialists.
- Researchers always have the inside scoop on what's going in the community.
- Researchers always have information on the newest gadgets and specials.
- Researchers like to educate, not to sell.

Tips to being a Researcher

1. Read the paper- make a habit of reading the "what's happening" section of the Mississauga News.
2. Go online - Visit community websites regularly to see what's happening in your city. Websites like meetup.com can be helpful.
3. Watch TV – Watch Rogers Cable and pay attention to commercials to find out what's happening in the community.
4. Use social media – Reach out to social networks to see what going on. Use Community Living Mississauga internal message board on iConnect. Sign up for e-alerts for community events the individual you support may be interested in attending.
5. Read posting boards at community venues - Make a habit of looking at the event board at community centres, grocery stores or shopping malls.
6. Share what you know – When you find interesting activities share it with team members.