

The Bramalea Stamp Club has been involved with meeting with elementary school-aged children for 3 years and has interacted with several hundred children through this initiative.

WHEN? In 2016, 2017 and 2018 and hopefully for many more years.

WHAT? Two teachers from a local elementary school contacted the president of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, George Pepall about the possibility of connecting with stamp collectors who might come to the school to talk to their elementary grade students about stamp collecting. George Pepall referred the teachers to the Bramalea Stamp Club website for connection information.

WHY? The teachers were inspired to make contact because of a reading book that had been assigned for the class curriculum entitled "The Stamp Collector" by Jennifer Lanthier. The book was about two people corresponding by letter and therefore using postage stamps to send their letters to each other. The teachers wanted to expand the curriculum around the story by incorporating authentic resources to bring life to the subject matter, as they explained in their email.

WHO? The two teachers who were inspired to make this contact are Andrew Kinal and Eva Dillenbeck. Both teachers were at the same school in Brampton in 2016. Andrew teaches art and Eva teaches French. In 2017, both teachers moved to a different school but chose to keep up the connection with Bramalea Stamp Club and in 2018, Eva moved to another school but again kept up the connection. The outcome of the initial contact in 2016 was the Powerpoint Presentation on the Youth Outreach page, prepared by Ingo Nessel and presented by Ingo, Jerry Piotrowski and Bramalea Stamp Club President Bob Thorne.

WHERE? In 2016: Both teachers Andrew Kinal and Eva Dillenbeck were at Mount Royal Public School in Brampton. In 2017 both teachers moved to Gordon Graydon Senior Public School and in 2018, Eva moved to Southfields Village Public School.