

Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan



Welcome to our Open House!

The Town of Oakville is developing a new **Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan**.

This is a long-term plan that will provide direction on parks, open spaces, recreation services, programs, facilities, libraries, partnerships, and amenities.

The Master Plan was last updated in 2012 and 2017. A new strategy is necessary to guide our future capital investment and service delivery.

The Master Plan is just getting underway.

We want to learn more about what is important to you and your household.

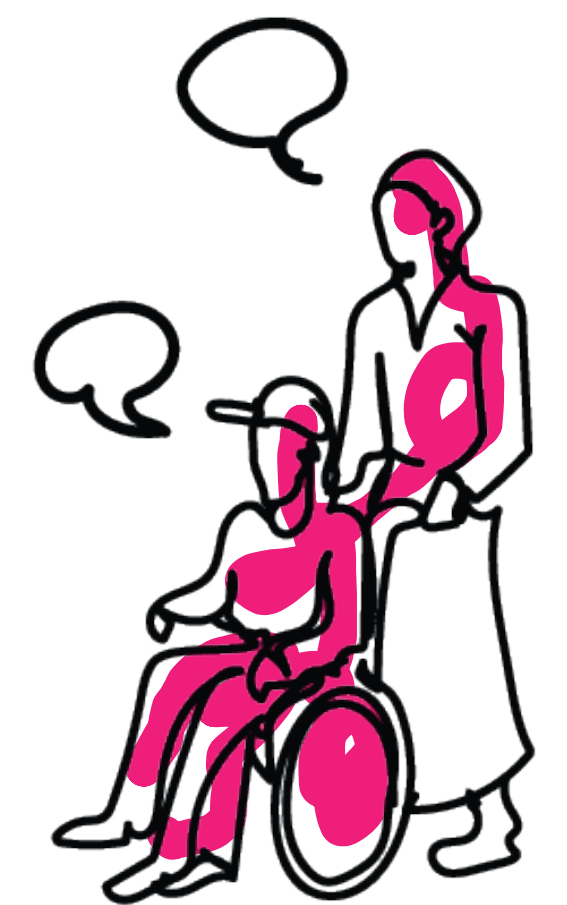
The input you provide will help us create recommendations to be considered by Council in 2024 and beyond.

Have Your Say

We want to hear what you have to say about parks, recreation and libraries in Oakville.

We encourage you to:

- Review the **displays** and share your thoughts
- Provide **feedback** through sticky notes, comment cards, and our voting station
- Visit our **website** to complete the **community survey** (see QR Code below) and find project updates – the survey will be open until May 31
- Email** your input to darryl.mcwilliam@oakville.ca
- Participate in a **future consultation** (see website for details as they become available)



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About the Master Plan



Areas of Focus

Oakville is changing. Recreational needs are expanding as different interest and new trends emerge.

Some preliminary considerations for the plan include:

- ❑ The town's **population growth** and **changing demographics**
- ❑ Oakville's **evolving urban structure**, including opportunities areas of intensification
- ❑ **Trends and evolving interests** in participation as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic
- ❑ Options for renewing and **re-envisioning existing facilities**
- ❑ **Other topics** such as (but not limited to) emerging program needs, climate change impacts, digital services, pricing and affordability, park and trail design, physical literacy, etc.

Building Blocks

The Master Plan will be evidence-based, grounded in:



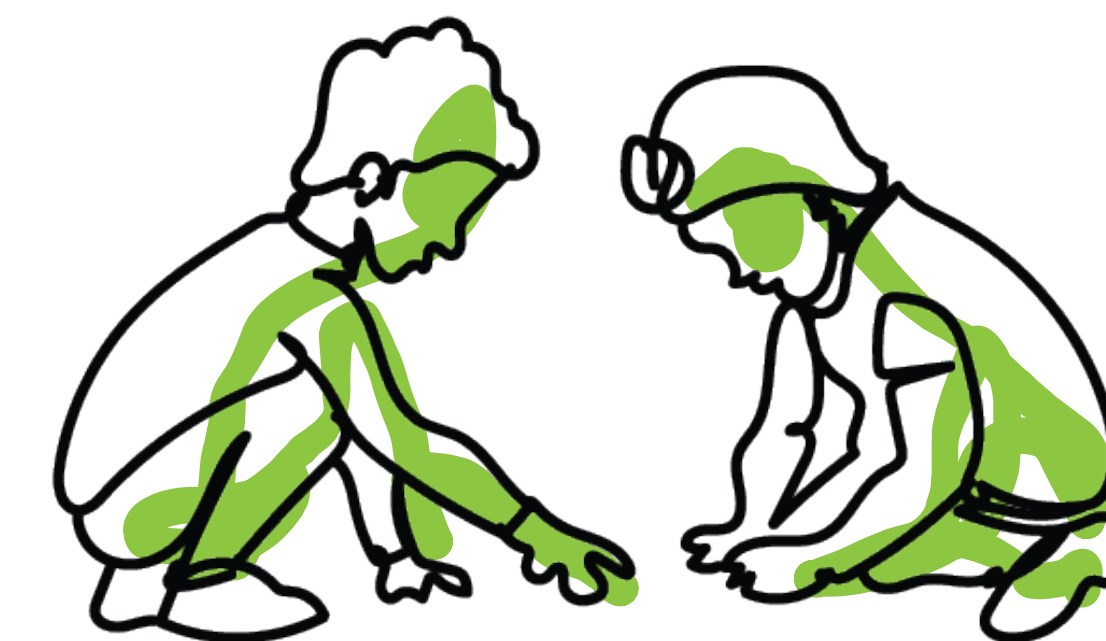
- ❑ **Demographic analysis** – how and where Oakville is growing, changes in age, ethnicity, income, etc.



- ❑ **Research and trends** – examining best practices, participation trends and usage levels, facility condition, etc.



- ❑ **Public and stakeholder input** – residents are being engaged through open houses and surveys, while stakeholders have been invited to workshops



We have a Lot to Offer!

Ongoing Projects & Recent Accomplishments

Past master plans have supported several significant projects completed by the town in recent years, including (but not limited to):

- The **Trafalgar Park Community Centre** opened in 2018, followed by the award-winning **Oakville Trafalgar Community Centre** in 2020
- The community park at **Sixteen Mile Sports Complex** is anticipated to open in late 2023 and the community centre and library will open in 2025
- The **Downtown Cultural Hub** initiative is planning for a revitalized library and cultural facilities throughout the downtown area
- The town purchased **44-hectares of land** (former Fogolars Country Club) for passive parkland and educational opportunities
- New **parks and village squares** have been developed throughout the town, including North Oakville
- Various **improvements** have also been made to facilities and parks throughout Oakville
- Improved access to **technology and online services**

The Benefits are Tremendous!

Parks, recreation, and library services provide extensive benefits to individuals and communities.

For example, they:

- Enhance mental and physical wellbeing
- Enhance social wellbeing and promote engagement and inclusion
- Help build strong families and communities
- Help people connect with nature
- Contribute to literacy, lifelong-learning, and help people develop critical and creative thinking skills
- Provide wide-ranging economic benefits



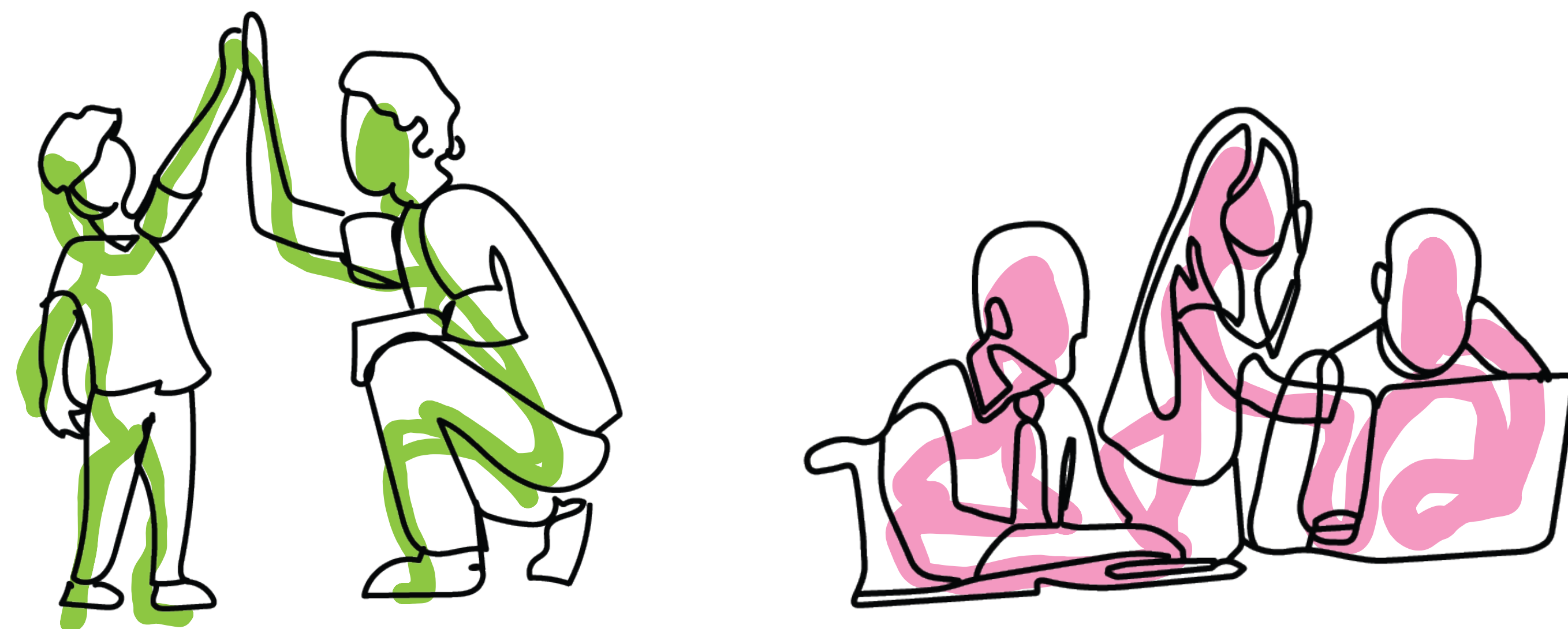
Community Profile



Population & Growth

Parks, recreation and library facilities are used by residents of all ages and backgrounds

- ❑ Oakville's current population of 225,000 is projected to grow to 373,990 residents by 2051 – nearly 70% growth over the next 30 years
- ❑ The town is committed to meeting its housing pledge of 33,000 new residential units by 2031/32
- ❑ Much of the town's growth will occur in North Oakville and in growth areas such as Midtown Oakville, Uptown Core, Palermo Village, Kerr Village, Bronte Village, and Downtown Oakville

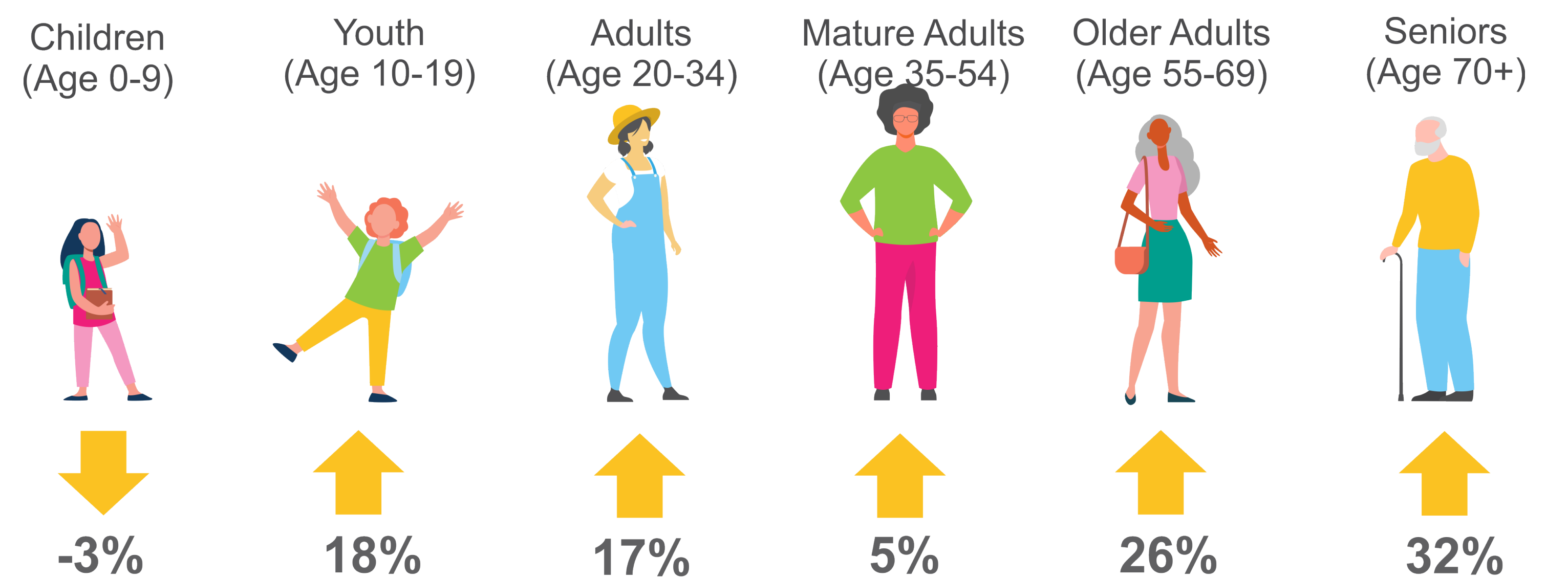


Age, Income & Diversity

Oakville's population is changing

- ❑ The town's population is aging (median age of 41.6 years), although many new families are also moving to Oakville
- ❑ Income levels in Oakville households are higher than the region and province; however, 9% are considered low-income and may have greater difficulty accessing some recreation services as a result
- ❑ Many new residents are also newcomers – 41% of Oakville residents were born outside of Canada and 19% speak a non-official language most often at home

Town of Oakville, Population Change by Age Group, 2011 to 2021



Key Trends to Consider

Facilities & Parks

- ❑ Multi-use and multi-generational facilities
- ❑ Parks as “outdoor living spaces”
- ❑ Barrier-free accessibility
- ❑ Aging infrastructure
- ❑ Climate change impacts
- ❑ More urban forms of parkland

Participation

- ❑ Demand for unstructured, self-scheduled, low cost activities for all ages
- ❑ Outdoor participation boom influenced by the pandemic
- ❑ Emerging activities (pickleball, cricket, etc.)
- ❑ Focus on community health and wellbeing

Service Delivery

- ❑ Growing focus on accessibility, inclusion and affordability
- ❑ Emerging technologies
- ❑ Staffing and volunteerism impacted by the pandemic
- ❑ Evolving financial challenges
- ❑ Partnerships are also changing

Libraries

- ❑ Libraries as “third places”
- ❑ Demand for study and work space
- ❑ Books are still important, but collections are evolving
- ❑ Innovation and creation spaces
- ❑ Increasing demand for non-traditional loans and services

What Other Trends should we Consider?

Facilities & Parks

Use a **sticky note** to help us answer these questions!

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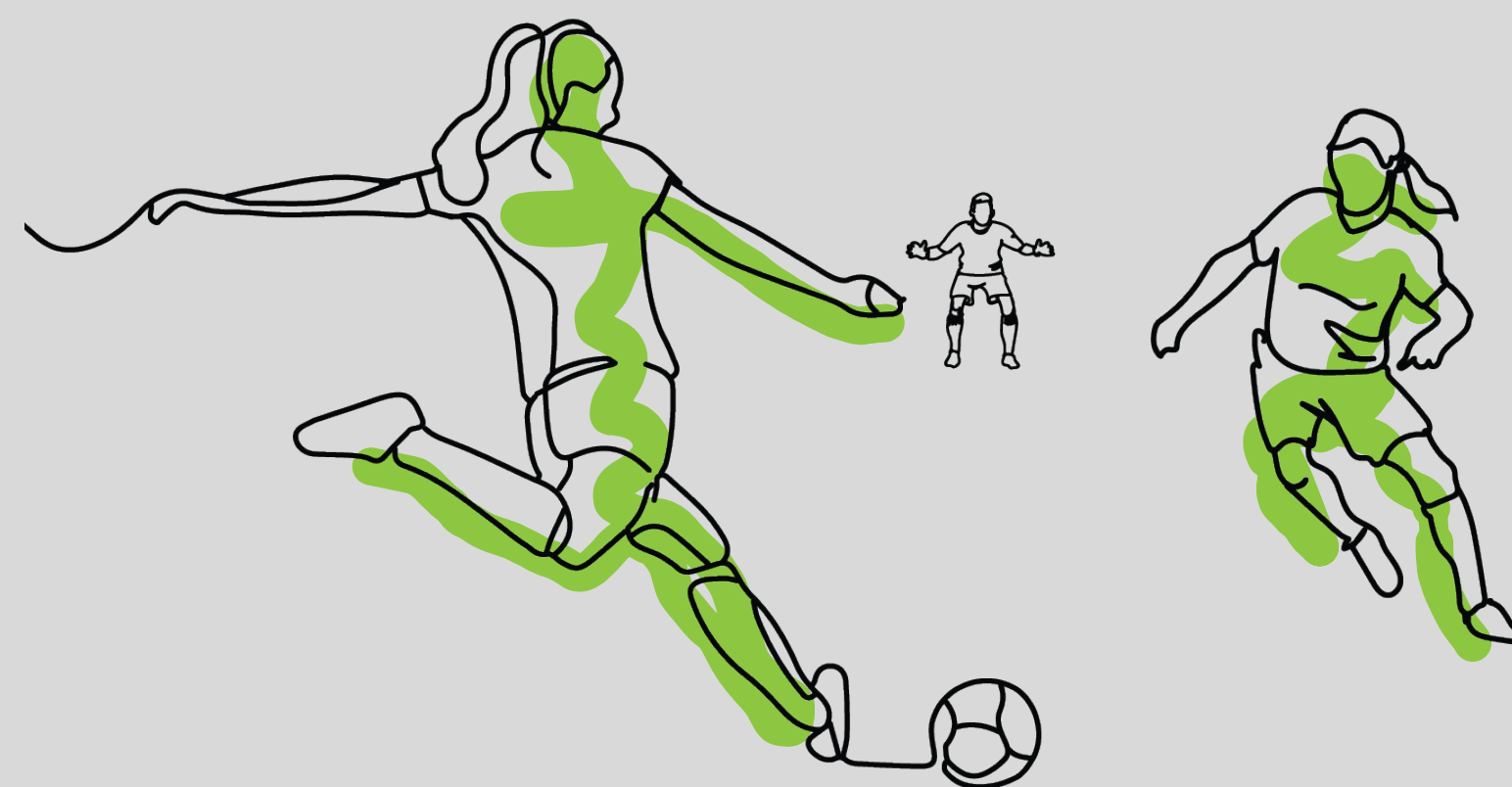
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Ideas for Parks & Outdoor Recreation

What would you like to do in Oakville's parks that you cannot do now?

How can we improve existing parks, trails and outdoor recreation facilities?

What new parks and outdoor recreation amenities are required? (and where?)

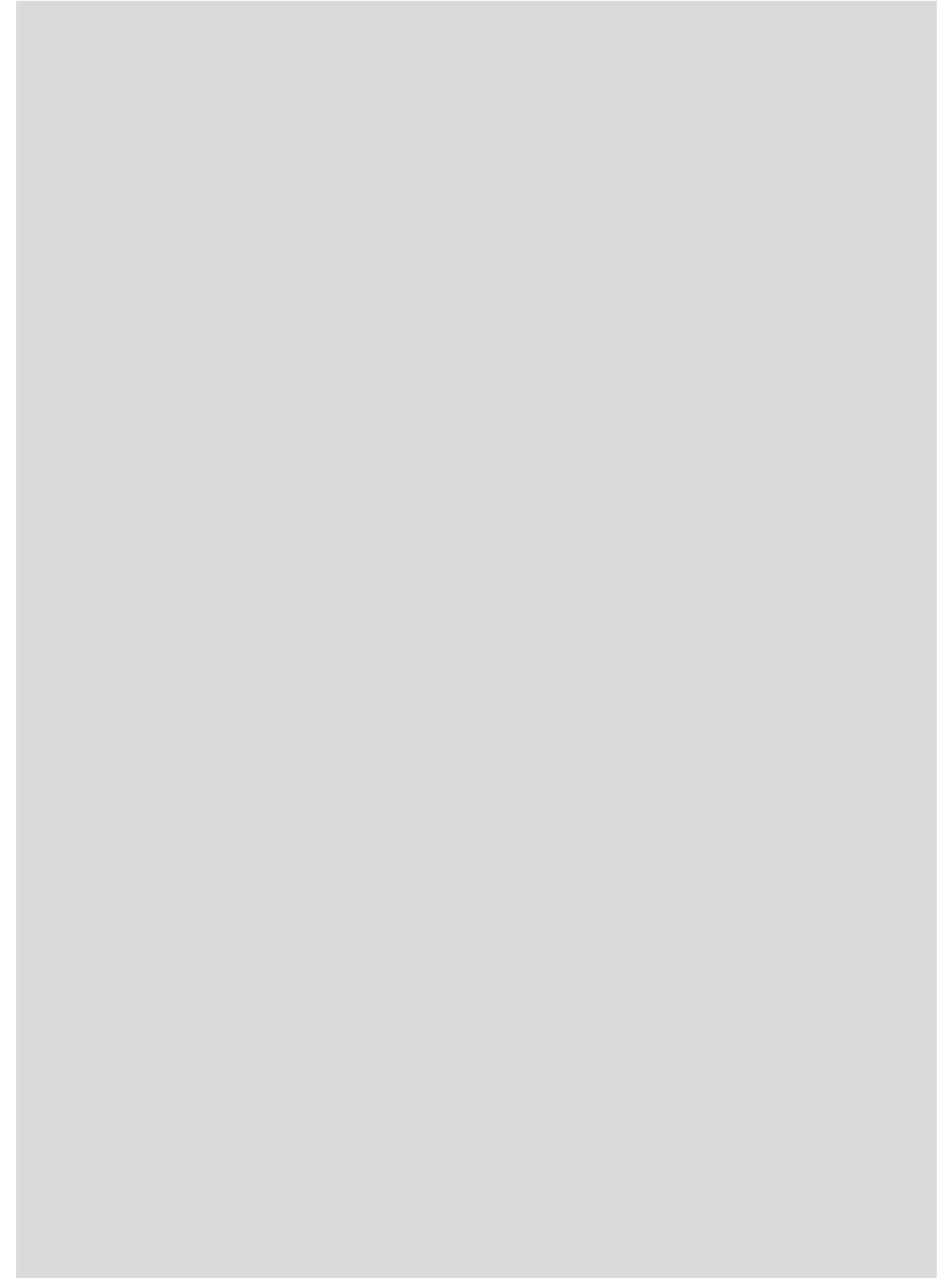
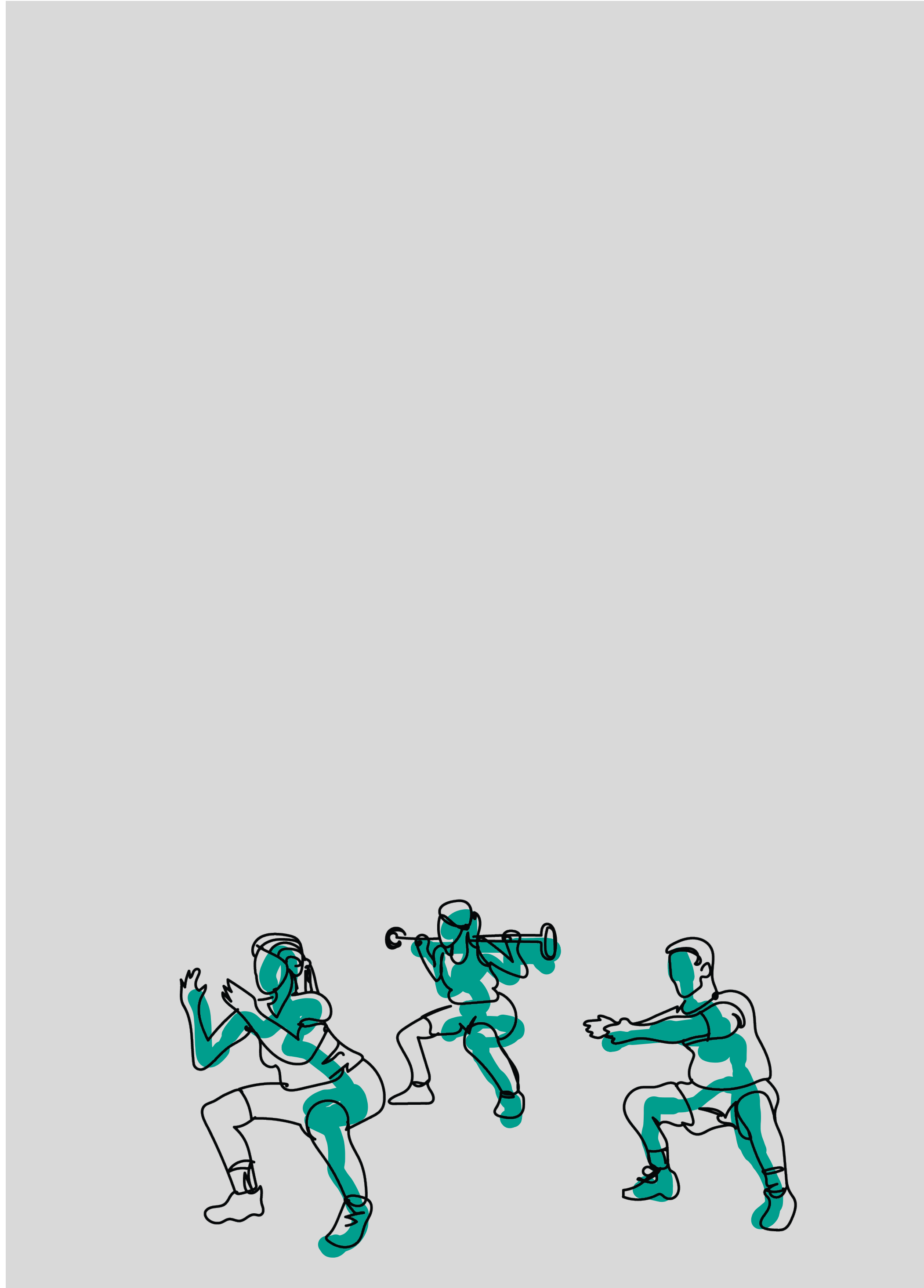
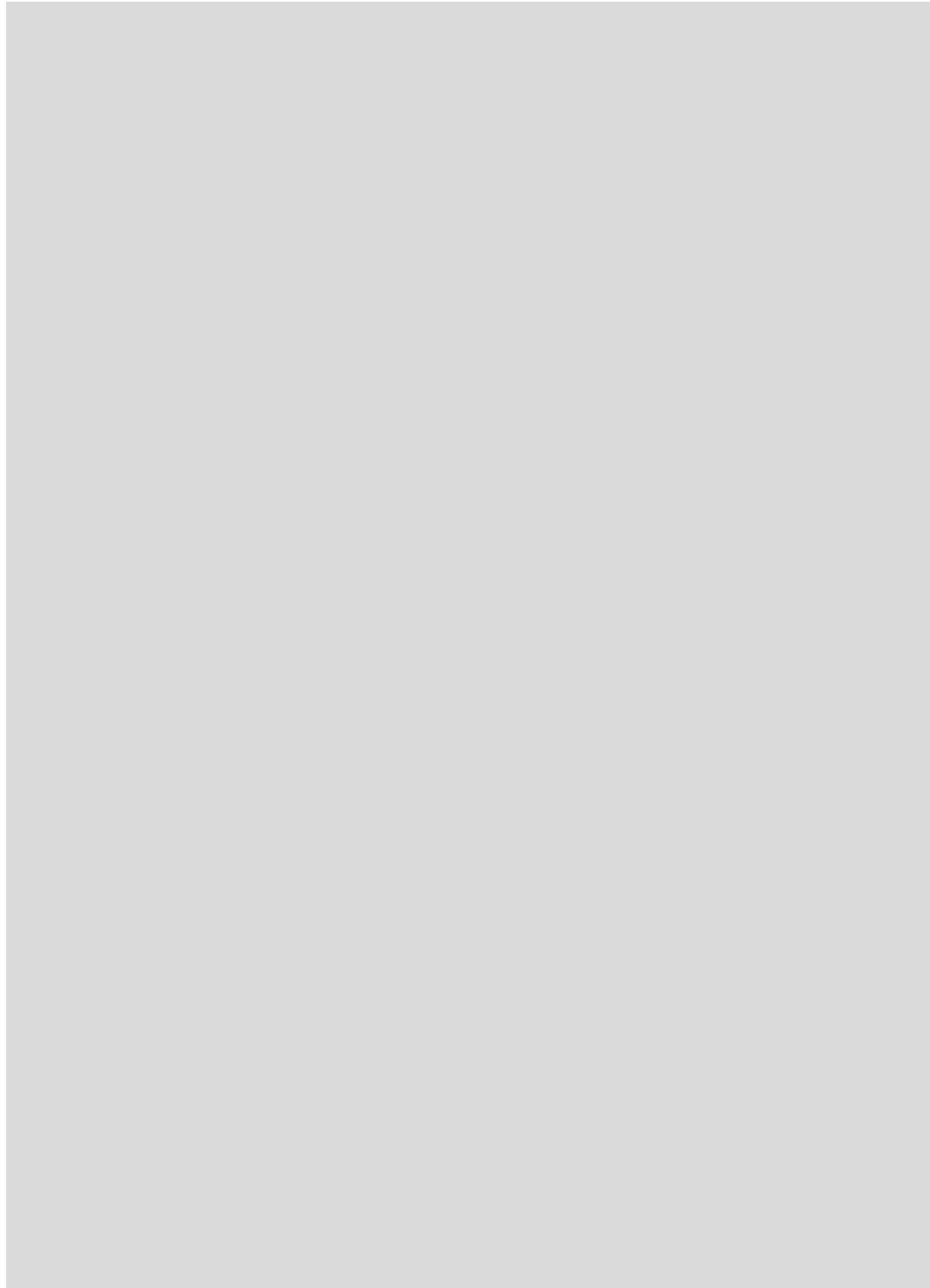


Ideas for Indoor Recreation

What would you like to do in Oakville's community centres that you cannot do now?

How can we improve Oakville's existing indoor recreation facilities?

What new indoor recreation amenities are required? (and where?)



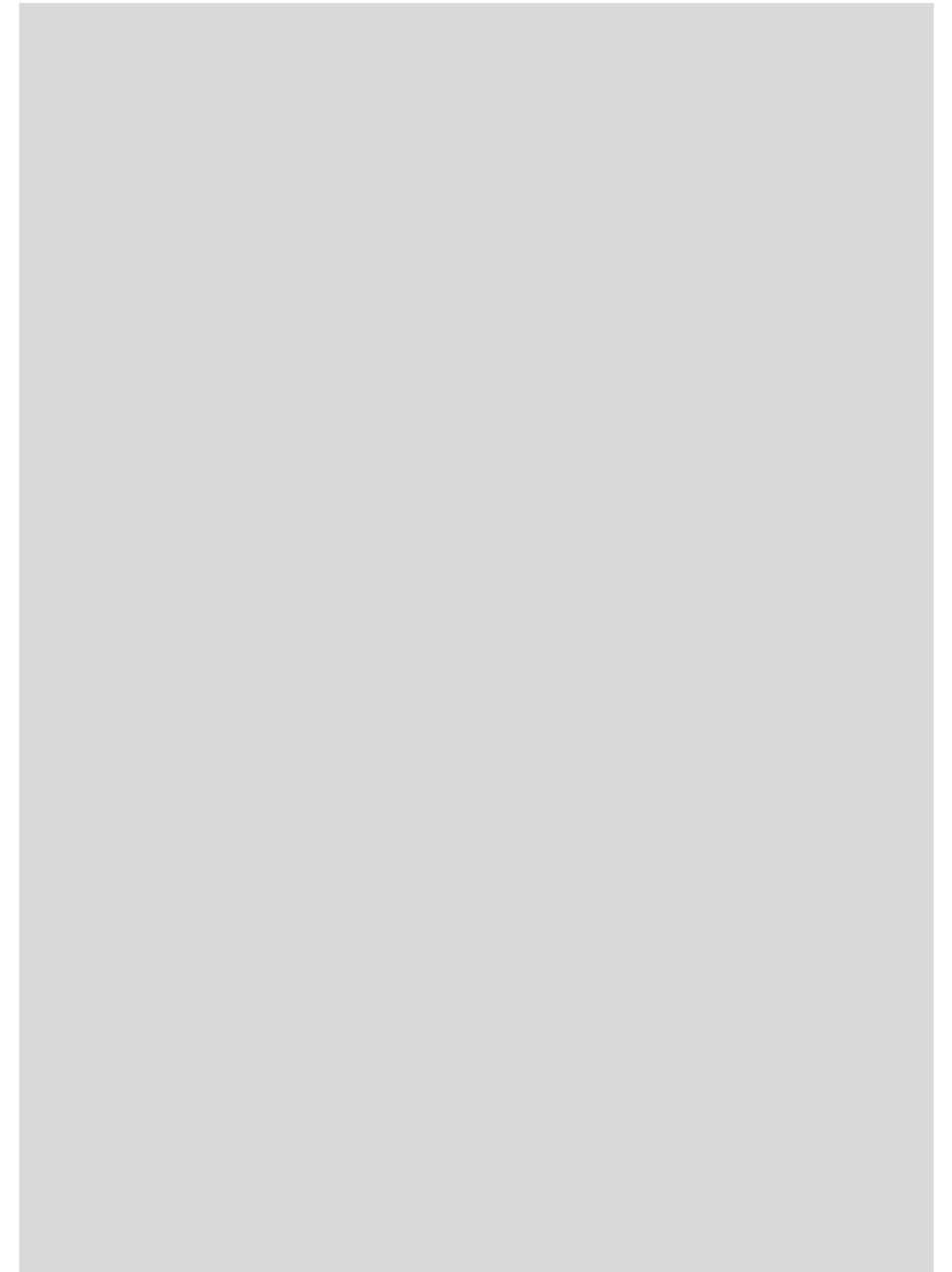
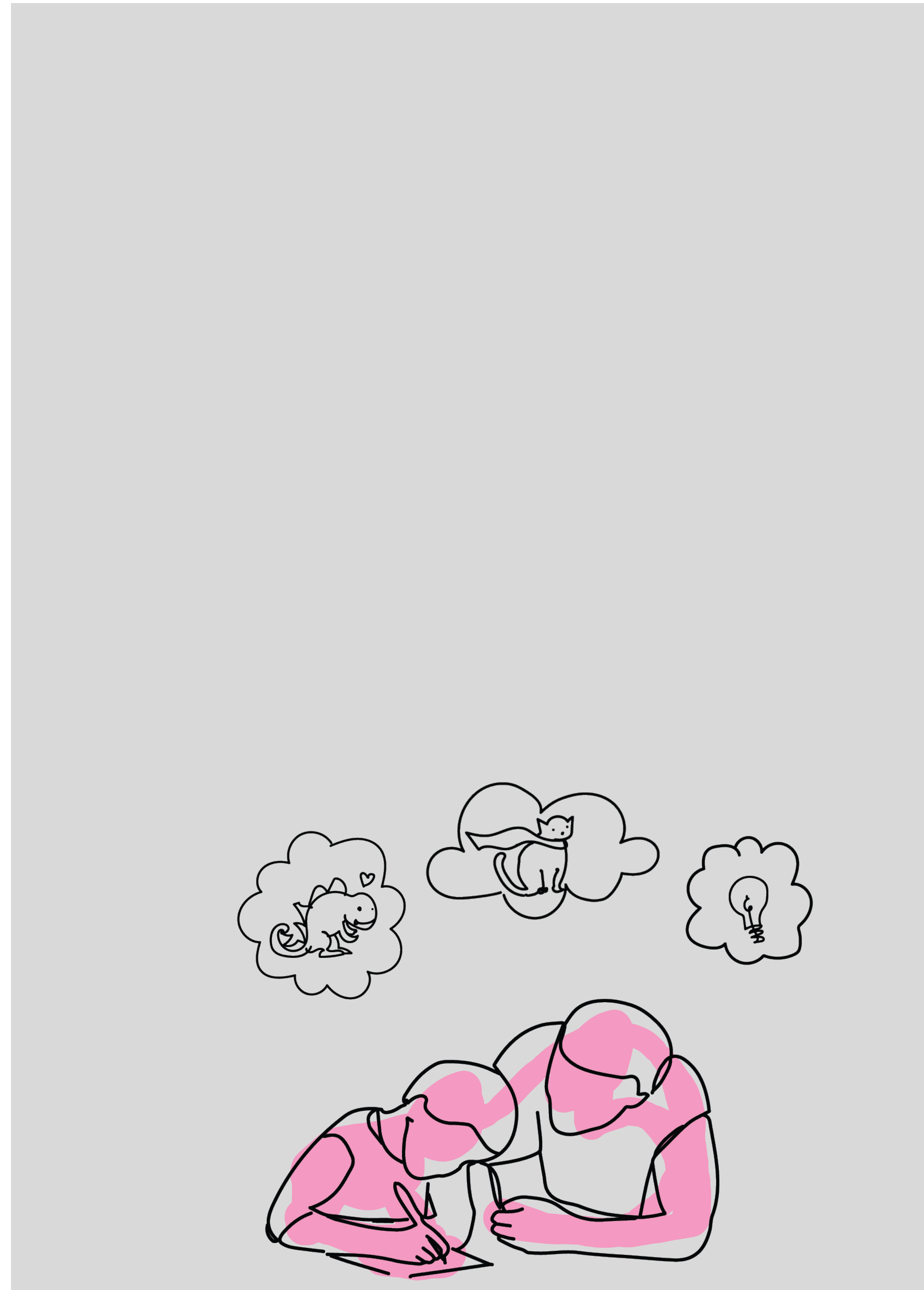
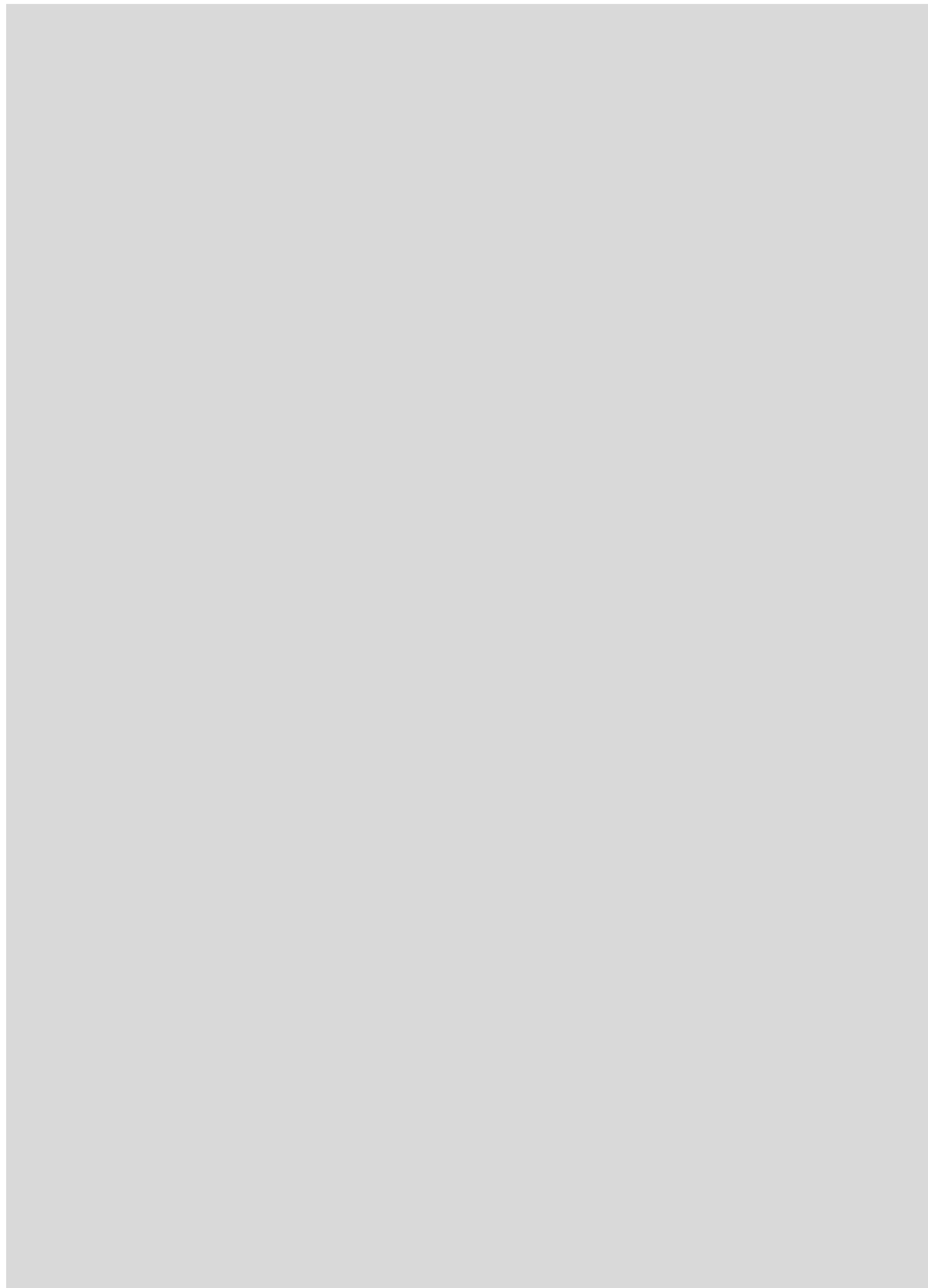
Ideas for Public Libraries



What would you like to do in Oakville's public libraries that you cannot do now?

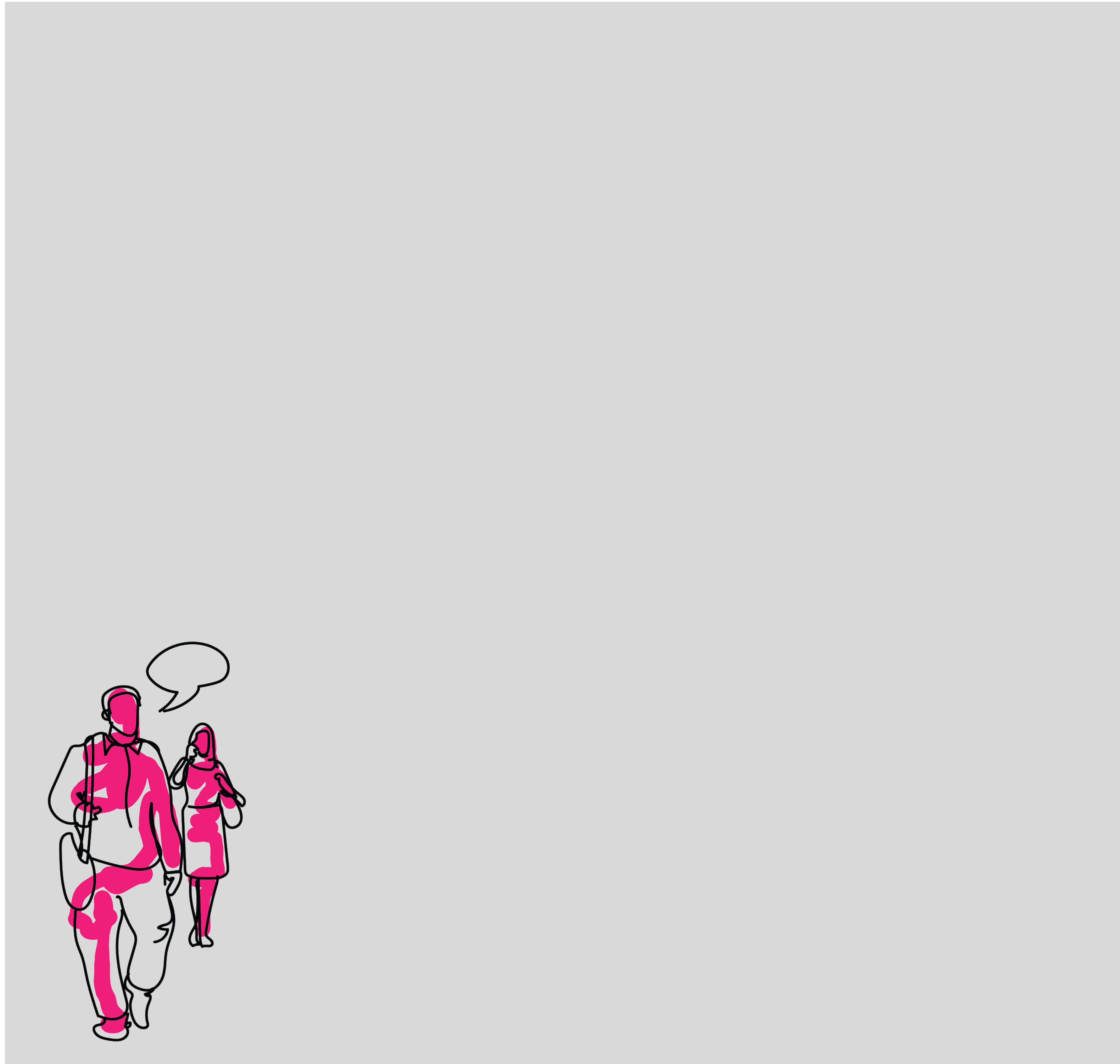
How can we improve existing Oakville Public Library facilities?

What new public library amenities and services are required? (and where?)

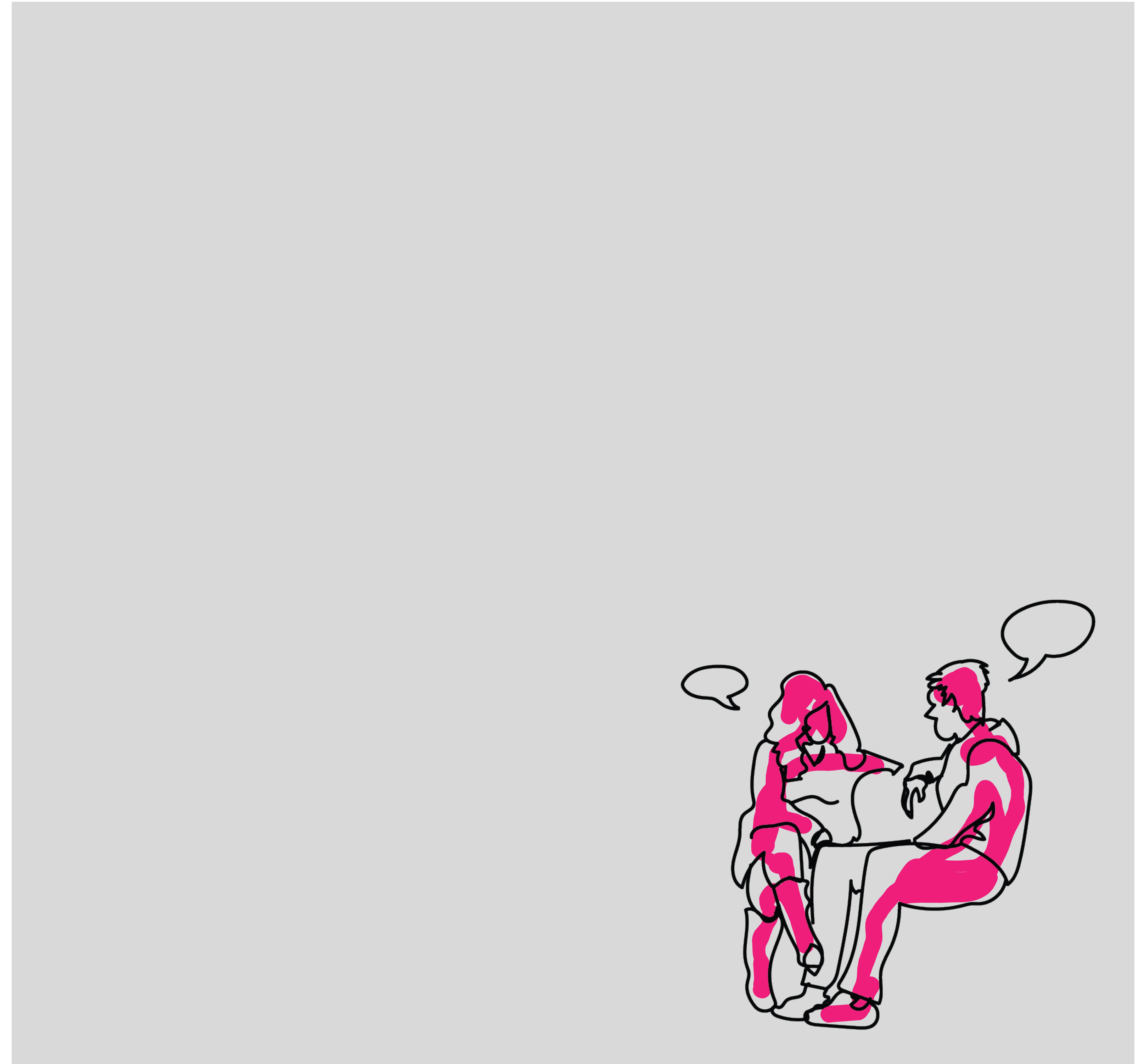


Additional Comments

How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected how you use parks, recreation, and library facilities?



Do you have any other suggestions?



Where do you live?

(this will help us to relate the comments to specific areas of the town)



- Community Centre
- 🏊 Indoor Pool
- 🏈 Arena
- 📖 Library Branch
- Senior Centre

1. Central Library 📖
2. Clearview Neighbourhood Library 📖
3. Glen Abbey Community Centre & Library ● 🏊 🏈 📖
4. Iroquois Ridge Community Centre & Library ● 🏊 📖 ●
5. Joshua's Creek Arenas 🏈
6. Kinoak Arena 🏈
7. Maple Grove Arena 🏈
8. Oakville Trafalgar Community Centre ● 🏊
9. Pine Glen Soccer Complex ⚽
10. Queen Elizabeth Park Community & Cultural Centre ● 🏊 ●
11. River Oaks Community Centre ● 🏈 ●
12. Sir John Colborne Recreation Centre for Seniors ●
13. Sixteen Mile Sports Complex & Library 🏈 📖
14. Trafalgar Park Community Centre ● 🏈 ●
15. White Oaks Pool & Library 🏊 📖
16. Woodside Library 📖

Use the Markers to place a Dot where you live!

