

Port Colborne Public Library Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2025
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Library Auditorium, Port Colborne Public Library
 310 King St, Port Colborne

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1. Call to Order

2. Land Acknowledgement

Niagara Region is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people from across Turtle Island that live and work in Niagara today. The City of Port Colborne and the Port Colborne Public Library stand with all Indigenous people, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.

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11. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

Port Colborne Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2025
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Library Auditorium, Port Colborne Public Library
310 King St, Port Colborne

Members Present: A. Desmarais, Vice Chair
M. Bagu, Councillor
H. Cooper
M. Booth
E. Tanini
A. Smits

Member(s) Absent: B. Ingram, Chair
C. MacMillan
B. Beck

Staff Present: R. Tkachuk, Chief Executive Officer (Board Secretary-Treasurer)
L. MacDonald, Library Services Manager

1. Call to Order

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 6:09 PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Vice-Chair recited the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. Adoption of Agenda

The following items were lifted from the Consent Items and considered as Discussion Items:

6.2 a. 2025 Operating Budget (as of September 26, 2025) considered as Discussion Item 7.3

6.3 a. Strategic Plan Update considered as Discussion Item 7.4

Moved by A. Smits
Seconded by M. Booth

That the agenda dated October 1, 2025, be confirmed, as amended.

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu
Seconded by A. Smits

That the minutes dated September 3, 2025, be confirmed, as circulated.

Carried

6. Consent Items

Moved by E. Tanini
Seconded by A. Smits

That the Board approves items 6.1 and 6.4, as presented.

Carried

6.1 Circulation Reports

a. Circulation Report, July 2025

a. Circulation Snapshot, July 2025

6.4 Media Items

a. Off-the-Shelf Newsletter - September/October 2025

7. Discussion Items

7.1 Reciprocal Service Agreement Report

Moved by Councillor M. Bagu
Seconded by M. Booth

That the Port Colborne Public Library participate in a Reciprocal Service Agreement with Niagara Falls Public Library.

a. Reciprocal Service Agreement

7.2 CEO's Report - Verbal (R. Tkachuk)

The CEO provided a verbal update on ongoing projects, programming, and partnerships.

7.3 Financial Report

a. 2025 Operating Budget (as of September 26, 2025)

The CEO provided an update on the 2025 operating budget.

7.4 Staff Reports

a. Strategic Plan Update

The CEO provided a fundraising update for the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.

8. Roundtable

Councillor Bagu notified the Board of a book launch at Roselawn Theatre with Canadian author Adam Shoalts on October 30, 2025.

9. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting of the Port Colborne Public Library Board will be Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 6 p.m.

The Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:08 PM.

Bryan Ingram, Chair

Rachel Tkachuk, Chief Executive
Officer (Board Secretary-
Treasurer)

Date: December 3, 2025
To: Port Colborne Public Library Board
From: Rachel Tkachuk, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: CEO's Report

Recommendation

That the Port Colborne Public Library Board receive the CEO's Report, for information.

1. Budget

The 2026 Capital and Related Project Budget and Levy (Operating) Budget was approved at the November 4, 2025, City Council Special Budget meeting.

2. Facility Updates

- Trees
Following the replacement of a tree on library property in October (King St.), a follow-up assessment of the trees was organized by the Public Works department. An additional three (3) trees will need to be removed, with stump removal following. Trees will be replanted by the City. The Library thanks the Public Works team for their ongoing support of the library.
- Garbage/Recycling/Waste Collection
In October, new recycling, waste, and compost bins were purchased for the library. Updated waste management procedures were introduced to staff and maintenance to improve organization and support environmentally friendly, sustainable practices.

3. City Partnerships and Opportunities

- Library Interactive Newsletter
The bimonthly Off-the-Shelf Newsletter has been upgraded from a static format to a dynamic virtual publication on [Calameo](#) software. This new format enhances accessibility, visual appeal, and reader engagement. The transition was possible through a collaboration with the City's Communications Team, whose support was instrumental in achieving a smooth and successful launch for our first issue in October.
- Touch-a-Truck & Fire Prevention Week Open House
On Thursday, October 9, 2025, four library staff members represented the library at the City's 2025 Touch-a-Truck and Fire Prevention Week Open House, held at the Engineering and Operations Centre and Fire Hall.

As part of the event, the annual Paint-a-Plow contest showcased designs created

by local elementary students and were judged by the Mayor. This year, a new initiative was introduced: an additional plow for on-site painting, allowing additional families and visitors to participate. Two library staff members supported families at this station during its launch.

Two library staff members engaged children in creating artwork for the library's annual Touch-a-Truck Book project. The event drew over 1,000 visitors, as reported by Public Works, and was a strong example of cross-department collaboration. The library's involvement helped promote creativity, literacy, and community engagement.

- City of Port Colborne's New Year's Eve at Vale Health and Wellness
Library and Events staff are collaborating on a greenscreen pop-up at the City of Port Colborne's New Year's Eve at Vale Health and Wellness Centre. Participants will choose from a variety of New Year's Eve themed props and will receive an emailed library-branded postcard following the event.

4. **Community Partnerships and Events**

- Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), Welland and District
A ReDRESS display will be featured at the library for the second consecutive year to support the CFUW's 16 Days of Activism for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (November 25 to December 10).

The ReDRESS campaign is a powerful visual initiative that uses red dresses to symbolize and honour the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). Each dress represents a woman or girl who has been lost to violence, serving as a stark reminder of the ongoing crisis and the need for action and awareness.

Paper cutout red dresses are displayed in the north- and east-facing Elgin Street windows, each featuring statistics about MMIWG to raise awareness. One red dress is hung from the library's Catalpa tree as a symbolic centerpiece.

This installation is part of a broader regional effort, which includes displays at municipal locations and flag-raising ceremonies to show solidarity and support.

5. **Canadian Library Month / Ontario Public Library Week**

October is Canadian Library Month with Ontario Public Library falling on the third week of the month annually.

- Canadian Library Month Contest
During October, patrons were invited to submit ballots for each book they read to be entered into a draw for a prize package. There were prizes for three age categories (children, teen, and adult) with a variety of library books and swag

items. Additional ballots were awarded to participants who read a book by a Canadian author.

- **Spooky Story Contest**

The library hosted the 3rd Annual Spooky Story Contest during Canadian Library Month. Participants submitted original stories, with prizes awarded to the top three submissions. All submissions will be compiled into a catalogued book for the library collection.

For the first time, children were invited to dress in costume and read their stories aloud at a special event on Thursday, October 30. Each child received a goodie bag with Halloween and library-themed items, along with a copy of the upcoming 2025 Spooky Story Compilation book. A copy of the book has been added to the library's collection, making these young authors part of their own library.

In November, the library launched a fundraiser selling spiral-bound copies of the compilation. This year, 14 children submitted stories, and the reading event drew 45 attendees, highlighting strong community engagement.

6. **Fall Board Retreat**

On Saturday, November 1, 2025, a Fall Board Retreat was held for Niagara Public Library board members at the West Lincoln Public Library – Smithville Branch.

Presentations included:

- Library Futures with AI by Brian Pichman
- Board Governance by Paul Takala and Lita Barrie

Participants had an opportunity to network with other local Board members. Approximately sixty-four (64) library board and staff members attended.

7. **Connectivity Reimbursement Grant 2025/2026**

On November 10, 2025, the Port Colborne Public Library received the Connectivity Reimbursement Grant 2025/2026 in the amount of \$9,600.

8. **Niagara Falls Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement**

At the October meeting, the Port Colborne Public Library Board motioned to enter into a reciprocal borrowing agreement with the Niagara Falls Public Library Board. At their October 15 meeting, the Niagara Falls Public Library Board also passed a motion to enter into the agreement. A community announcement is forthcoming.

9. **Regional Niagara Library Event: One Book, One Niagara**

On October 3, 2025, the 3rd annual One Book, One Niagara author book talk was held at the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre in St. Catharines. Staff from across Niagara Public Libraries coordinated this event throughout 2025, with supportive programming related to the book hosted by individual libraries throughout the year.

This year's selection was *The Laundryman's Boy* by Edward Y.C. Lee. For the first time, the event sold out with over 85 participants attending.

10. Typical Survey Week – Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming

Typical Survey Week information was received by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming on October 22, 2025. Surveys are conducted by Ontario Public Libraries annually during a week in October, November, or the first part of December as a part of the Public Library Operating Grant application.

Port Colborne Public Library conducted the annual survey during the week of November 3 to 8, 2025.

11. Remembrance Day – November 11, 2025

From November 1 to 11, 2025, free poppy seeds and Veteran recognition postcards are available at the library, along with newsletter publications for children and adults, courtesy of Veterans Affairs Canada. Poppies were available to purchase at the library thanks to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56 of Port Colborne.

On Wednesday, November 5, 2025, the children's craft cart featured a "Make a Poppy" paper craft for families to enjoy for free.

On Thursday, November 6, 2025, library staff will pop-up at Port High with a poppy seed planting activity, free Veteran Affairs resources to hand out to students, and a selection of library books and materials.

On Monday, November 24, 2025, a screening and discussion of the documentary *First Stripes* will be held at the library. This film follows a group of civilians embarking on a 12-week intensive training that gradually sees them transformed into soldiers of the Canadian Armed Forces. All documentary films are provided courtesy of the National Film Board of Canada.

The library was closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2025, for Remembrance Day. Port Colborne Remembrance Day ceremonies were held at H.H. Knoll Lockview Park and Humberstone Cenotaph on November 11, 2025.

12. Minister's Award for Innovation Nomination

The Port Colborne Public Library has been nominated for the Minister's Award for Innovation by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming for the 2025 My Dream Borrow initiative. The award ceremony will be held during the Ontario Library Association Super Conference Award Gala on Thursday, January 29, 2026. The Port Colborne Public Library was the 2024 recipient of this award for the Touch-a-Truck Book.

13. Ontario Library Association (OLA) Super Conference, Jan 28 to 31, 2026

The Ontario Library Association (OLA) Super Conference will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre from Jan. 28 to 31, 2026. The theme this year is “We Persist.”

14. First Book Canada / 12 Days of Giveaways

From December 10 to 23, 2025, the library will be hosting a “12 Days of Giveaways” free book giveaway, thanks to First Book Canada. Each year, First Book Canada generously donates free, new picture books and young adult books to the library so they can be used for community giveaways.

This year, the library received 150 free items and 4 boxes of Lego.

15. Memorial donation to the library

In November, a \$1,000 memorial donation was made to the library. A signed letter from the Board Chair will be issued to acknowledge the donation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: November 5, 2025
To: Port Colborne Public Library Board
From: Christine Tice
Subject: Public Relations Report

Recommendation:

That the Port Colborne Public Library Board receives the Public Relations Report for information purposes.

Public Relations Report Items

1. Class Visits

- Sept 17, 2025 – ACW First Friends (Daycare visit)

2. Pop-Up Library & Outreach

Pop-Up Library

- Sept. 9, 2025 – Northland Pointe

Pop-Up: Port Colborne Garden Club

Library staff popped up for Port Colborne Garden Club orientation on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025.

3. Programming

- Adult Chess Club

Adults were invited to step up their chess game with this series of workshops for beginners and experienced players. Eight adults registered for this program.

- Baby Time

Families met new friends, sang songs, and enjoyed stories during Baby Time. Two sessions were offered in September.

- Back-to-school Wellness Kits
Generously donated by Bridges Community Centre, approx. 50 Back-to-School Wellness kits were free to teens. Each kit contained a fidget tool, reuseable bottle, sunglasses, notebook, and information on how to reduce stress and anxiety.
- Children's Chess Club
Mr. Edwards returned to host a chess club for children of all experience levels. Six children registered for this program.
- Documentary Films
On Monday, Sept. 29, 2025, there was a screening and discussion of the documentary film **WaaPake (Tomorrow)** (2023, 80 min.). For generations, the suffering of residential school Survivors has radiated outward, impacting Indigenous families and communities.

In 2025, our Documentary Films Program is presented in partnership with the National Film Board of Canada.
- Iaminuk: Make a Sealskin Bracelet
Cindy Biancaniello teaches participants how to sew a traditional sealskin bracelet. Unfortunately, this program was cancelled due to low attendance.
- Music Makerspace
The Music Makerspace includes a keyboard, digital drum set, ukeleles, a guitar, and bells and shakers. The Music Makerspace is available for patrons to book a free 30-minute session. Two people enjoyed the Music Makerspace in September.
- My Dream Borrow
During the month of September all winning ideas were purchased and catalogued. All the winners of the My Dream Borrow contest received their honorary first borrow.

- PA Day Activity: Make a Pirate Friend
Cut and run to the library for talk like a pirate fun. 14 children participated.
- Pflag Family Board Games
Wondering about pronouns? Struggling to keep track of the letters in 2&LGBTQQIA+? Maybe you have questions but aren't sure if you'll say the right thing or use the correct terms. Pflag Niagara is here for you! Unfortunately, there were no participants in this month's program.
- Port Colborne Public Library Book Club
In August, the PCPL Book Club read **Great Expectations** by Charles Dickens and met on Monday, Sept. 8 to discuss the book. The book club has 15 members.
- Portal Village Book Club
In August, the Portal Village Book Club read The Giver of stars by JoJo Moyes and met on Tuesday, September 16 to discuss the book. The book club has 10 members.
- Start Me Up Niagara's Mobile Closet
On Monday, September 15 Start Me Up Niagara's Mobile Closet offered a free shopping event at the library. The Mobile Closet provided seasonally appropriate clothing and personal hygiene products to thirty attendees.
- Story Time with Shelly
On Saturdays in September, Story Time with Shelly ran in the Children's Room from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. A volunteer read a variety of picture books to families.
- Teen Book Reviews
Teens can earn community service hours from the books they read. Teens can earn five community service hours by writing a book review for the library. In September, Chioma C. reviewed Born a Crime by Trevor Noah.
- Warhammer
Calling all teens and young adults to start their own Warhammer adventure!

Resin miniature figures were provided for participants. Unfortunately, there were no teens or young adults who registered for this program. We are hoping that promotion of the program at the upcoming Port High Pop-up visits will increase enrollment when we attempt to run the program again in the new year.

4. Passive Programming

- Design Our Bookmark Contest

In August, the theme for the monthly bookmark contest was “Fun in the sun.” The winning bookmark submission for August was designed by Charlie, who drew a beach scene.

Charlie received a small prize package, and her bookmark was handed out to all patrons at checkout in September.

- Kid's Craft Cart

Four Kid's Craft Cart sessions were offered after school on Wednesdays in Sept. Children were encouraged to choose craft supplies and make a craft of their own choosing.

- Lego Club

Three Lego Club sessions were offered after school on Mondays in September. Children aged 5+ were encouraged to complete challenges or to use their imaginations to build something new.

- Scavenger Hunts

Scavenger hunts were available daily on the library's main floor, with a different theme each week. Children reported how many scavenger hunt items they found to receive a small prize. In May, there were five scavenger hunts with over 75 participants.

5. Art in the Atrium

Each month, the library hosts a local artist in our Atrium gallery. The art show is open to the public for free. In August and September, the library welcomed an

exhibit by Ron Fyke.

6. Visiting Library Service

The Visiting Library Service coordinates volunteers to deliver library materials to patrons unable to visit the library due to illness, physical disability, or age. The program has one volunteer and two patrons.

7. Daycare Partnership

The daycare partnership continues with First Friends pop-up visits. The library staff delivers story time to toddlers every second week. Once a month a group from First Friends visits the library.

8. Community Connect

On various dates in September, community partners booked a library table to promote their programs and services:

Sept. 4, 2025 – PC Works – Resume Refresh

Sept. 8, 2025 – Birchway Niagara

Sept. 11, 2025 – PC Works – Resume Refresh

Sept. 13, 2025 – PFLAG Niagara

Sept. 15, 2025 – Start Me Up Niagara - Mobile Closet

Sept. 17, 2025 – Bridges CHC – Ontario Seniors Dental Care Plan

Sept. 18, 2025 – PC Works – Resume Refresh

Sept. 25, 2025 – PC Works – Resume Refresh



Date: November 5, 2025
To: Port Colborne Public Library Board
From: Loraine MacDonald
Subject: Public Relations Report

Recommendation:

That the Port Colborne Public Library Board receives the Public Relations Report for information purposes.

Public Relations Report Items

1. Daycare Visits

We had a successful summer partnership with Port Colborne daycare centers. Most daycares visited the library with their group of young children. Centers that were a greater distance from the library and/or whose children were babies/toddlers enjoyed visits from a library staff member.

- July 9 – First Friends; preschool age children
- July 9 – St. John Bosco (pop-up visit); grades 1 to 4
- July 16 – First Friends (pop-up visit); toddlers
- July 16 – First Friends; children ages 4 to 10
- July 23 – First Friends; preschool age children
- July 23 – Niagara Region/Steele Street; children ages 4 to 12
- July 30 – First Friends (pop-up visit); toddlers
- July 30 – Niagara Region/Steele Street; children ages 4 to 12
- August 6 – First Friends; preschool age children
- August 6 – First Friends; children ages 4 to 10
- August 13 – First Friends (pop-up visit); toddlers
- August 13 – St. John Bosco (pop-up visit); grades 1 to 4
- August 20 – First Friends; preschool age children
- August 20 – Niagara Region/Steele Street; children ages 4 to 12

2. Pop-Up Library and Outreach:

Two new pop-up partnership were formed over the summer with the St. James Anglican Church and Friends Over 55. Library staff members highlighted programs, services and resources available to seniors at both pop-up events. Regular monthly pop-ups continued (breaking over the summer at Port High, but continuing at Northland Pointe). Annual pop-ups occurred again this year at the Farmer's Market, St. Therese's Elementary School Spring Fest, and the Oakwood Elementary School Fun Fair where the promotion of the TD Summer Reading Program was the focus.

Pop-Up Library

- St. James Anglican Church Seniors Info Café – June 5, 2025
- St. Therese Spring Fest – June 5, 2025
- Port Colborne High School – June 5, 2025
- Northland Pointe – June 10, July 8 & August 12, 2025
- Friends Over 55 Seniors' Expo – June 12, 2025
- Oakwood Fun Fair – June 12, 2025
- Port Colborne Farmer's Market – July 25 & August 29, 2025

Stories Under the Sails

On Saturday, August 2, 2025, library volunteer, Shelly, popped up on the museum grounds for a special Canal Days story time.

3. Art in the Atrium

June – Students from Lakeshore Catholic Secondary School showcased their artwork, created using various mediums.

July – Etched in Time: a collaborative exhibition with the Port Colborne Heritage and Marine Museum. Etched in Time featured the 1984 etching stones created by local artists and installed behind the library before being removed in 2000. An open house at the beginning of the installation invited the original artists and members of the community to engage with the pieces by creating their own rubbings.

August – Provincial award-winning editorial cartoonist, Ron Fyke, displayed his works in the Atrium.

4. Regular Programming

- Baby Time

Baby Time sessions included songs, stories, and discussions for families. 10 Baby Time sessions were offered from June to August. This program continues to see growth, with new families joining us in the Children's Area each week.

- Documentary Films

Our Documentary Film Program is presented in partnership with the National Film Board of Canada.

On Monday, June 30, 2025, there was a screening and discussion of the documentary film *Stolen Time* (2023). The documentary highlighted the nursing home industry and was chosen in recognition of Seniors' Month.

On Monday, July 28, 2025, there was a screening and discussion of the documentary film *Voices Across the Water* (2022). The documentary followed two master boat builders as they practiced their art.

On Monday, August 25, 2025, there was a screening and discussion of the documentary film *The Secret Order* (2022). The film explores the Ordre de Jacques-Cartier, a powerful secret society formed in 1926.

- Games & Cards

In partnership with Community Living, the library hosted a Games and Cards event for families. Sessions ran from 1pm to 3pm on Mondays in July.

- PD Day Activity @ The Library

On Friday, June 6, 2025, children made magical, colourful fairy wands.

- Port Colborne Public Library Book Club

In May, the PCPL Book Club read *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Discussion took place in the Auditorium on June 9, 2025.

In June, the PCPL Book Club read *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See and met on Monday, July 14, 2025, to discuss the book.

In July, the Book Club read *Right Behind You* by Lisa Gardner. Discussion of the book took place on Monday, August 11, 2025.

The Book Club has nine members, with an active waitlist.

- Portal Village Book Club

In May, the Portal Village read *After the War is Over* by Jennifer Robson. Discussion took place on June 17, 2025.

In June, the Portal Village Book Club read *Sonny Boy* by Al Pacino and met on Monday, July 15, 2025, to discuss the book.

In July, the Portal Village Book Club read *City of Girls* by Elizabeth Gilbert and met on Monday, August 19, 2025, to discuss the book.

- Story Time with Shelly

On Saturdays in June, July and August, Story Time with Shelly ran in the Children's Room from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Shelly read a variety of picture books to families.

5. Summer Programming

- A Bug's Life/Time Travelers

Niagara Region visited the Library on the morning of July 17, 2025, to teach community kids about "wiggly worms" and how compost is made in a hands-on session called, *A Bug's Life*. During the presentation, *Time Travelers* kids fast-track through time to learn about the composting process.

- Adventures Around the World

Children and their families explored a different continent every Tuesday with exciting crafts and activities!

- Ahoy from Port Colborne

Family and friends were invited to celebrate Canal Days in our green screen studio. Participants were able to choose from one of four iconic Port Colborne backgrounds, snap a family photo, and have their free "Ahoy! From Port Colborne" postcard sent to them by mail.

- Bilingual StoryWalk®
During July and August, TD Summer Reading Club provided licensing for a bilingual StoryWalk® called *Let's Go* by Julie Flett. The StoryWalk® was installed along the King St walkway for families to read while at the library. The StoryWalk® featured both English and Cree languages. Approximately 346 people participated in the StoryWalk®.
- Build Around the World
Children and their families built their way around the world with LEGO every Monday.
- Crafty Cabana
Kids and their families were invited to kick back and create at the Crafty Cabana on Wednesdays!
- Family Movie Showing
Children and their families traveled from France to Nunavut in this National Film Board showing that took place July 10 and August 14, 2025.
- Take and Makes
Free Take and Make craft kits were available each Monday during the summer. Fifty kits were handed out each week, for a total of 450 kits picked up.
- Library of Things/Button Maker & Mini Button Maker
On Fridays during the summer, three Library of Things stations were set up throughout the library. Families were invited to explore the library's non-traditional collection, including on select days, our button maker and mini button maker.
- Scavenger Hunts
Daily scavenger hunts were available daily in the Children's Room with a different theme each week. Children reported how many scavenger hunt items they found to receive a small prize. In June, July and August, there were 13 scavenger hunts.

6. Summer Reading Clubs

TD Summer Reading Club

Children ages 0 – 12 were encouraged to track their reading to earn prizes for every 5, 10, 15, and 20 books read during the summer. 173 children participated in the program and read a combined total of almost 1,800 books!

Teen Summer Reading Club

Teens ages 13 – 17 were encouraged to track their summer reading. Every book read equaled one entry into the prize draw.

Adult Summer Reading Club

Adults ages 18+ were invited to join the Adult Summer Reading Club by tracking their reading. Every book read equaled one entry into the prize draw.

TDSRC Party

On Wednesday, August 27, 2025, we celebrated summer reading with a drop-in party. Families were invited to participate in a variety of Around the World activities, including the “Passport Office”, “Airport Restaurant”, “Adventure Park”, “Crafty Cabana”, “Origami Garden”, and “Landing Strip.”

7. Community Connect

Many of our Community Connect partners took a break over July and August, however, were enthusiastic to return in September.

Bridges CHC: Ontario Seniors’ Dental Care
June 4, 2025

PC Works: Resume Refresh
June 5, 12, 19 & 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, August 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2025

PFLAG Niagara: Programs, Services & Support
June 21, 2025

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
June 19, 2025

JANUARY 2026

ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN

Library Closures

- New Year's Day (Jan. 1)

Special Events

- Winter Break (Jan.1 to 3)
- OLA Super Conference (Jan. 28 - 31)
- PD Day (Jan. 16)

Special Programs

- Art in the Atrium: Port High
- Chess Club (Mondays)
- Children's Chess (Tuesdays)
- PD Day: Popsicle Stick Penguin Bookmarks
- Pflag Family Board Games (Jan. 10)

Weekly Programs

- Baby Block Party (Thursdays)
- Baby Time (Tuesdays)
- Kid's Craft Cart (Wednesdays)
- Lego Club (Mondays)
- Story Time with Shelly (Saturdays)
- Yarn & Yak (Thursdays)

Monthly Programs

- Adult Art Class (3rd Thursday)
- Doc Films (4th Monday)
- Histoire en francais/French Storytime (last Tuesday of every second month)
- PCPL Book Club (3rd Monday)
- Pop-up @ First Friends Daycare (2nd and 4th Thursday)
- Pop-Up @ Northland Pointe (2nd Tuesday)
- Pop-Up @ PCHS (1st Thursday)
- Portal Village Book Club (3rd Tuesday)

FEBRUARY 2026

ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN

Library Closures

- Family Day (Feb. 16)

Special Events

- Black History Month
- Freedom to Read Week (Feb. 22 to Feb. 28)
- Love Your Library Month
- Valentine's Day (Feb. 14)
- PD Day (Feb. 13)
- Winter Olympics

Special Programs

- Art in the Atrium: Keona Ashley
- Chess Club (Mondays)
- Children's Chess (Tuesdays)
- Class Visits (Wednesdays)
- CVITP registration (TBD)
- PD Day: Love Bug crafts
- Pflag Family Board Games (Feb. 14)
- Pop-up @ Sportsfest (Feb. 5 - 7)
- Winter Olympics Broadcast on the Atrium TV (Feb. 6 to Feb. 22)

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Monthly Programs

- Adult Art Class (3rd Thursday)
- Doc Films (4th Monday)
- Histoire en francais/French Storytime (last Tuesday)
- PCPL Book Club (3rd Monday)
- Pop-up @ First Friends Daycare (2nd and 4th Thursday)
- Pop-Up @ Northland Pointe (2nd Tuesday)
- Pop-Up @ PCHS (1st Thursday)
- Portal Village Book Club (3rd Tuesday)

MARCH 2026

ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN

Library Closures

- none

Special Events

- International Women's Day (Mar. 8)
- March Break (Mar. 16 to 20)
- Winter Paralympics (Mar. 6 to 15)

Special Programs

- Art in the Atrium: Port Colborne Marine & Heritage Museum's *Community Curators Re-drawn*
- Chess Club (Mondays)
- Class Visits (Wednesdays)
- CVITP Income Tax Clinics
- March Break Art Class for Kids (TBD)
- March Break Magic Show with Chase Whims (Mar. 21)
- Pop-Up @ Top Hat Ceremony
- Winter Paralympics Broadcast on the Atrium TV

Weekly Programs

- Baby Block Party (Thursdays)
- Baby Time (Tuesdays)
- Kid's Craft Cart (Wednesdays)
- Lego Club (Mondays)
- Music & Movement (Wednesdays)
- Story Time with Shelly (Saturdays)
- Yarn & Yak (Thursdays)

Monthly Programs

- Adult Art Class (3rd Thursday)
- Doc Films (4th Monday)
- Histoire en français/French Storytime (every second month)
- PCPL Book Club (3rd Monday)
- Pop-up @ First Friends Daycare (2nd and 4th Thursday)
- Pop-Up @ Northland Pointe (2nd Tuesday)
- Pop-Up @ PCHS (1st Thursday)
- Portal Village Book Club (3rd Tuesday)
- Teen What Are You Reading (2nd Wednesday)

APRIL 2026

ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN

Library Closures

- Good Friday (Apr. 3)
- Easter Monday (Apr. 6)

Special Events

- National Poetry Month
- April Fool's Day (Apr 1)
- Earth Day (Apr 22)

Special Programs

- Art in the Atrium: PCHS
- Big Library Read
- Class Visits (Wednesdays)
- CVITP Income Tax Clinics
- One eRead

Weekly Programs

- Baby Block Party (Thursdays)
- Kid's Craft Cart (Wednesdays)
- Lego Club (Mondays)
- Music & Movement (Wednesdays)
- Story Time with Shelly (Saturdays)
- Yarn & Yak (Thursdays)

Monthly Programs

- Adult Art Class (3rd Thursday)
- Doc Films (4th Monday)
- PCPL Book Club (3rd Monday)
- Pop-up @ First Friends Daycare (2nd and 4th Thursday)
- Pop-Up @ Northland Pointe (2nd Tuesday)
- Pop-Up @ PCHS (1st Thursday)
- Portal Village Book Club (3rd Tuesday)
- Teen What Are You Reading (2nd Wednesday)

ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN

Library Closures

- Victoria Day (May 18)

Special Events

- Asian Heritage Month
- Emergency Preparedness Week
- Forest of Reading Festival (May 12 - 13)
- Free Comic Book Day (May 2)
- May the Fourth
- Mother's Day (May 10)
- Museum Month
- Screen Free Week (May 4 - 9)

Special Programs

- Art in the Atrium: TBD
- Class Visits: Community Helpers (Wednesdays)
- Free Comic Book Day: comics, green screen, activities
- Let's Talk Science (May 12)
- Mobile Closet (May 21)
- Pop-Up @ DWC Welcome to Kindergarten

Weekly Programs

- Baby Block Party (Thursdays)
- Baby Time (Tuesdays)
- Kid's Craft Cart (Wednesdays)
- Lego Club (Mondays)
- Story Time with Shelly (Saturdays)
- Yarn & Yak (Thursdays)

Monthly Programs

- Adult Art Class (3rd Thursday)
- Doc Films (4th Monday)
- Histoire en francais/French Storytime (every second month)
- PCPL Book Club (3rd Monday)
- Pop-up @ First Friends Daycare (twice per month)
- Pop-Up @ Northland Pointe (2nd Tuesday)
- Pop-Up @ PCHS (1st Thursday)
- Portal Village Book Club (3rd Tuesday)
- Teen What Are You Reading (2nd Wednesday)

ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN

Library Closures

- none

Special Events

- Indigenous History Month
- Pride Month
- Recreation and Parks Month
- Seniors Month
- PD Days (Jun 5 & 26)
- Father's Day (Jun 21)
- National Indigenous Peoples Day (Jun 26)

Special Programs

- Art in the Atrium: LCHS
- Let's Talk Science (Jun. 16)
- PD Day Activity (Jun. 5): TBD
- PD Day Activity (Jun. 26): TBD
- Pop-up @ Friends Over 55 Seniors' Expo
- Pop-up at Oakwood Fun Fair
- Pop-up @ St. Therese Spring Fest
- TDSRC Registration Opens

Weekly Programs

- Baby Block Party (Thursdays)
- Kid's Craft Cart (Wednesdays)
- Lego Club (Mondays)
- Music & Movement (Wednesdays)
- Story Time with Shelly (Saturdays)
- Yarn & Yak (Thursdays)

Monthly Programs

- Adult Art Class (3rd Thursday)
- Doc Films (4th Monday)
- PCPL Book Club (3rd Monday)
- Pop-up @ First Friends Daycare (twice per month)
- Pop-Up @ Northland Pointe (2nd Tuesday)
- Pop-Up @ PCHS (1st Thursday)
- Portal Village Book Club (3rd Tuesday)
- Teen What Are You Reading (2nd Wednesday)

ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN

Library Closures

- Canada Day (Jul 1)

Special Events

- Canada Day

Special Programs

- Art in the Atrium: Community Kids Art Show
- Big Library Read
- Daycare Visits (Wednesdays)
- Pop-Up @ PC Market
- StoryWalk
- TDSRC Programming: TBD

Weekly Programs

- Story Time with Shelly (Saturdays)

Monthly Programs

- Doc Films (4th Monday)
- Histoire en francais/French Storytime (every second month)
- PCPL Book Club (3rd Monday)
- Pop-up @ First Friends Daycare (2nd and 4th Thursday)
- Pop-Up @ Northland Pointe (2nd Tuesday)
- Portal Village Book Club (3rd Tuesday)

AUGUST 2026

ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN

Library Closures

- Civic Holiday (Aug 3)

Special Events

- Canal Days (Jul. 31 - Aug. 3)
- Emancipation Day (Aug 1)

Special Programs

- Ahoy from Port Colborne! Green Screen Canal Days Event
- Art in the Atrium: Community Kids Art Show
- Class visit registration opens
- Daycare Visits (Wednesdays)
- Pop-up @ Canal Days with Story Time with Shelly
- Pop-up @ First Friends Daycare (2nd and 4th Thursday)
- Pop-Up @ PC Market
- StoryWalk
- TDSRC Programming: TBD
- TSSRC Party (August 26)

Weekly Programs

- Story Time with Shelly (Saturdays)

Monthly Programs

- Doc Films (4th Monday)
- Histoire en francais/French Storytime (every second month)
- PCPL Book Club (3rd Monday)
- Pop-Up @ Northland Pointe (2nd Tuesday)
- Portal Village Book Club (3rd Tuesday)

SEPTEMBER 2026

ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN

Library Closures

- Labour Day (Sept. 7)
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept. 30)

Special Events

- Culture Days (Sept. 19 - Oct. 12)
- International Literacy Day (Sept. 8)

Special Programs

- Art in the Atrium: TBA
- Mobile Closet (Sept. 21)

Weekly Programs

- Baby Block Party (Thursdays)
- Baby Time (Tuesdays)
- Kid's Craft Cart (Wednesdays)
- Lego Club (Mondays)
- Story Time with Shelly (Saturdays)
- Yarn & Yak (Thursdays)

Monthly Programs

- Adult Art Class (3rd Thursday)
- Doc Films (4th Monday)
- PCPL Book Club (3rd Monday)
- Pop-up @ First Friends Daycare (twice per month)
- Pop-Up @ Northland Pointe (2nd Tuesday)
- Pop-Up @ PCHS (1st Thursday)
- Portal Village Book Club (3rd Tuesday)
- Teen What Are You Reading (2nd Wednesday)

OCTOBER 2026

ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN

Library Closures

- Thanksgiving (Oct 12)

Special Events

- Canadian Library Month
- Dyslexia Awareness Month
- Women's History Month
- OPLW (3rd week)
- Canadian Library Workers' Day (3rd Friday)
- Halloween (Oct 31)
- PD DAY (Oct 9)

Special Programs

- Art in the Atrium: TBA
- Class visits (Wednesdays)
- Spooky Stories Contest
- Spooky Stories @ the Library (Oct. 29)
- Patron Appreciation Day (Oct. 24)
- Pop-up @ Touch-a-Truck
- Together We Read
- Typical Week Survey (3rd week)

Weekly Programs

- Baby Block Party (Thursdays)
- Kid's Craft Cart (Wednesdays)
- Lego Club (Mondays)
- Music and Movement (Wednesdays)
- Story Time with Shelly (Saturdays)
- Yarn & Yak (Thursdays)

Monthly Programs

- Adult Art Class (3rd Thursday)
- Doc Films (4th Monday)
- PCPL Book Club (3rd Monday)
- Pop-up @ First Friends Daycare (twice per month)
- Pop-Up @ Northland Pointe (2nd Tuesday)
- Pop-Up @ PCHS (1st Thursday)
- Portal Village Book Club (3rd Tuesday)
- Teen What Are You Reading (2nd Wednesday)

NOVEMBER 2025

ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN

Library Closures

- Remembrance Day (Nov. 11)

Special Events

- 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (Nov. 25 - Dec. 10)
- Treaties Recognition Week
- Veteran's Week (Nov. 5 - 11)
- I Read Canadian Day
- Indigenous Veterans Day (Nov. 8)
- PD Day (TBA)

Special Programs

- Art in the Atrium: TBA
- Class Visits (Wednesdays)
- Letters to Santa (Nov. 12 - Dec. 5)
- PD Day Activity: TBD
- Postcards to Vets (Nov. 1 - 10)

Weekly Programs

- Baby Block Party (Thursdays)
- Baby Time (Tuesdays)
- Kid's Craft Cart (Wednesdays)
- Lego Club (Mondays)
- Story Time with Shelly (Saturdays)
- Yarn & Yak (Thursdays)

Monthly Programs

- Adult Art Class (3rd Thursday)
- Doc Films (4th Monday)
- PCPL Book Club (3rd Monday)
- Pop-up @ First Friends Daycare (twice per month)
- Pop-Up @ Northland Pointe (2nd Tuesday)
- Pop-Up @ PCHS (1st Thursday)
- Portal Village Book Club (3rd Tuesday)
- Teen What Are You Reading (2nd Wednesday)

DECEMBER 2026

ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN

Library Closures

- Christmas Eve (Dec. 24)
- Christmas (Dec. 25)
- Boxing Day (Dec. 26)

Special Events

- New Year's Eve (Dec. 31)
- Winter Break (TBA)

Special Programs

- 12 Days of Giving
- Art in the Atrium: LCHS
- Letters to Santa (Nov. 12 - Dec. 5)
- Lighted Santa Claus Parade (Dec. 5)
- Pop-Up @ Vale on NYE with Green Screen

Weekly Programs

- Baby Block Party (Thursdays)
- Kid's Craft Cart (Wednesdays)
- Lego Club (Mondays)
- Music and Movement (Wednesdays)
- Story Time with Shelly (Saturdays)
- Yarn & Yak (Thursdays)

Monthly Programs

- Adult Art Class (3rd Thursday)
- Doc Films (4th Monday)
- PCPL Book Club (3rd Monday)
- Pop-up @ First Friends Daycare (twice per month)
- Pop-Up @ Northland Pointe (2nd Tuesday)
- Pop-Up @ PCHS (1st Thursday)
- Portal Village Book Club (3rd Tuesday)
- Teen What Are You Reading (2nd Wednesday)

September 2025

Printed: 2025-10-23

<u>CIRCULATION (PHYSICAL)</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
Books	4175	3696	479	35829	37084	36498	-3%	-2%
Periodicals	309	231	78	2255	1766	588	28%	284%
DVDs	1109	1148	-39	10599	12926	11478	-18%	-8%
CDs	29	20	9	286	250	665	14%	-57%
Audiobooks	41	77	-36	657	627	783	5%	-16%
Board Games	29	30	-1	225	341	313	-34%	-28%
Seed Library	95	96	-1	1097	1255	400	-13%	174%
Video Games	71	90	-19	835	1007	1255	-17%	-33%
Library of Things	12	10	2	433	48	34	802%	1174%
Library of Things - Storage	2	1	1	38	20	21	90%	81%
Library of Things - Children	130	7	123	532	132	214	303%	149%
Toys and Puzzles	114	68	46	943	2049	1987	-54%	-53%
Microfilm	28	22	6	232	235	325	-1%	-29%
TOTAL CIRCULATION	6144	5496	648	53961	57740	54561	-7%	-1%
Materials Returned	5415	5456	-41	46686	51002	49005	-8%	-5%
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	11559	10952	607	100647	108742	103566	-7%	-3%
<u>CIRCULATION (DIGITAL)</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
Electronic Databases	354	128	226	4205	1373	2495	206%	69%
Downloadable Audiobooks	712	631	81	6267	5582	4567	12%	37%
Downloadable eBooks	1020	1031	-11	9367	9280	8574	1%	9%
Downloadable Music	5	0	5	21	17	12	24%	75%
Downloadable Video	50	30	20	503	344	302	46%	67%
Downloadable Magazines	540	485	55	5176	4109	1604	26%	223%
TOTAL CIRCULATION	2681	2305	376	25539	20705	17554	23%	45%
<u>ILLO & RECIP. BORROWING</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
Interlibrary Loans --IN	12	14	-2	97	103	107	-6%	-9%
LINC Reciprocal IN	779	666	113	7166	5583	5361	28%	34%
TOTAL RECEIVED	791	680	111	7263	5686	5468	28%	33%
Interlibrary Loans --OUT	0	26	-26	127	115	220	10%	-42%
LINC Reciprocal OUT	838	754	84	6816	7487	6735	-9%	1%
TOTAL SENT	838	780	58	6943	7602	6955	-9%	0%
<u>REGISTRATIONS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
Adults	46	46	0	349	608	383	-43%	-9%
Children	15	14	1	115	150	134	-23%	-14%
Non-Resident	10	13	-3	94	85	98	11%	-4%
Teen	13	1	12	24	22	9	9%	167%
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	84	74	10	582	865	624	-33%	-7%
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
Other Sale	47.00	224.90	-177.90	1567.15	1679.18	1072.44	-7%	46%
Room Rental	53.53	79.10	-25.57	893.80	632.80	463.40	41%	93%
General Donations	0.00	4.00	-4.00	305.88	1067.00	1123.00	-71%	-73%
Used Book Sales	15.80	159.40	-143.60	2239.75	2195.05	2737.05	2%	-18%
Photocopy/Print/Fax Fee	234.78	492.55	-257.77	5040.07	4078.30	3030.75	24%	66%
Sign Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	190.57	113.00	64.50	69%	195%
Program Fee - Adult	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.55	120.00	2592.25	-99%	-100%
Other Revenue	71.50	0.00	71.50	213.65	0.00	113.00	100%	89%
SUBTOTAL	422.61	959.95	-537.34	10452.42	9885.33	11196.39	6%	-7%
Capital Donations	0.00	1000.00	-1000.00	2440.00	2874.00	4214.53	-15%	-42%
TOTAL RECEIPTS	422.61	1959.95	-1537.34	12892.42	12759.33	15410.92	1%	-16%
<u>MATERIALS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
No. of Books Repaired	26	35	-9	253	287	361	-12%	-30%
Donations added to Collection	5	4	1	52	137	387	-62%	-87%
Used Books Sold	141	140	1	1373	1530	3524	-10%	-61%

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS	2025	2024	+/-	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	% Change 2025/2024	% Change 2025/2023
No. of Prog/Events							0%	0%
Teen Programs	1	1	0	26	13	14	100%	86%
Pop-Up Library Visits	2	1	1	23	14	18	64%	28%
Community Events	10	12	-2	131	160	525	-18%	-75%
Children's Programmes	17	13	4	253	188	178	35%	42%
Class Visits	1	0	1	35	23	8	52%	338%
* Tech	120	55	65	566	356		59%	100%
* Seniors	2	2	0	17	21		-19%	100%
TOTAL	153	84	69	1051	775	743	36%	41%
No. of Attendees								
Teen Programs	50	4	46	112	64	246	75%	-54%
Pop-Up Library Visits	40	17	23	669	382	706	75%	-5%
Community Events	120	128	-8	1634	2038	2805	-20%	-42%
Children's Programmes	198	272	-74	5408	4739	4678	14%	16%
Class Visits	30	0	30	842	683	226	23%	273%
* Tech	120	55	65	566	356		59%	100%
* Seniors	8	2	6	155	104		49%	100%
TOTAL	566	478	88	9386	8366	8661	12%	8%
* Tech and Seniors previously categorized under Community Events								
No. of Rentals/Reservations								
Room Rentals	9	8	1	40	49		-18%	100%
Bookable Spaces	13	16	-3	125	82		52%	100%
Sign Rentals	0	5	-5	5	13		-62%	100%
No. of Attendees								
Room Rentals	101	93	8	441	591		-25%	100%
Bookable Spaces	15	18	-3	157	118		33%	100%
*Room Rentals previously categorized under Community Events								
ALL COMPUTER USERS	2025	2024	+/-	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	% Change 2025/2024	% Change 2025/2023
Computer Workstation Users	271	290	-19	2060	2540	2760	-19%	-25%
TOTAL	271	642	-371	2060	5488	6494	-62%	-68%
PATRON COUNT	2025	2024	+/-	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	% Change 2025/2024	% Change 2025/2023
	3996	3585	411	37333	39407	32478	-5%	15%
LIBRARY HOMEPAGE HITS	2025	2024	+/-	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	% Change 2025/2024	% Change 2025/2023
	1702	1622	80	15898	14562	14655	9%	8%
ONLINE CATALOGUE HITS	2025	2024	+/-	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	% Change 2025/2024	% Change 2025/2023
	2562	5037	-2475	22955	22365	15977	3%	44%
SOCIAL MEDIA	2025	2024	+/-	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	% Change 2025/2024	% Change 2025/2023
Facebook								
Page Likes/Followers	1833	1690	143	1833	1690	1548	8%	18%
Total Post Views	29373	40685	-11312	196848	176579	165881	11%	19%
Total Post Interactions	423	922	-499	4411	3777	7274	17%	-39%
Total Posts	53	47	6	425	321	368	32%	15%
Instagram								
Page Likes/Followers	1450	1309	141	1450	1309	1187	11%	22%
Total Post Views	13428	3834	9594	84930	35794	49268	137%	72%
Total Post Interactions	202	2935	-2733	2386	4326	3494	-45%	-32%
Total Posts	45	45	0	418	357	353	17%	18%

<u>eNEWSLETTER</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>		<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2023</u>
New Contacts	5	4	1		55	57	131	-4%	-58%
Total Contacts to Date	538	443	95		538	443	380	21%	42%
Email Opens	262	234	28		1544	1469	1593	5%	-3%
Clickthroughs	37	38	-1		206	255	377	-19%	-45%
<u>PRINTING & PHOTOCOPY</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>		<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2023</u>
Public Computers	154	211	-57		1157	1728	3072	-33%	-62%
Mobile Print	259	60	199		1451	646	0	125%	100%
Pages in Black and White	630	1718	-1088		16675	14290	11552	17%	44%
Pages in Colour	80	63	17		735	554	185	33%	297%
Total Print Jobs	413	271	142		2608	2374	3072	10%	-15%
Total Number of Pages	710	1781	-1071		17410	14844	11737	17%	48%

SEPT. 2025

MONTHLY REPORT

INTERACTIONS

NEW
PATRONS

84

PATRON
VISITS

3,996

CATALOGUE
VISITS

2,562

WEB
VISITS

1,702

PHYSICAL CIRC

6,144

DIGITAL CIRC

2,681

ITEMS BORROWED
FROM LINC
LIBRARIES

779

ITEMS LOANED TO
LINC LIBRARIES

838

CIRCULATION

PROGRAMS

TOTAL
PROGRAMS

153

PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE

566

SOCIAL MEDIA
POSTS

98

eNEWSLETTER
SUBSCRIBERS

538

PAGES PRINTED
& COPIED

710

COMPUTER
USERS

271

ePRINTit
PRINT JOBS

259

TECH HELP

120

LIBRARY TECH

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spooky Story Contest begins (Year 3)
- Children's Chess begins
- Back-to-School Wellness Kits available
- Art in the Atrium: Ron Fyke



Start Me Up Niagara's Mobile Closet

October 2025

Printed:

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Books	4533	3679	854	40362	40763	40949	-1%	-1%
Periodicals	311	211	100	2566	1977	658	30%	290%
DVDs	1190	1245	-55	11789	14171	13140	-17%	-10%
CDs	45	5	40	331	255	678	30%	-51%
Audiobooks	52	79	-27	709	706	870	0%	-19%
Board Games	22	24	-2	247	365	339	-32%	-27%
Seed Library	4	58	-54	1101	1313	401	-16%	175%
Video Games	122	97	25	957	1104	1354	-13%	-29%
Library of Things	19	12	7	452	60	37	653%	1122%
Library of Things - Storage	7	3	4	45	23	24	96%	88%
Library of Things - Children	74	30	44	606	162	258	274%	135%
Toys and Puzzles	82	166	-84	1025	2215	2261	-54%	-55%
Microfilm	29	31	-2	261	266	361	-2%	-28%
TOTAL CIRCULATION	6490	5640	850	60451	63380	61330	-5%	-1%
Materials Returned	5999	5221	778	52685	56223	55205	-6%	-5%
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	12489	10861	1628	113136	119603	116535	-5%	-3%
<u>CIRCULATION (DIGITAL)</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
Electronic Databases	290	223	67	4495	1596	2585	182%	74%
Downloadable Audiobooks	730	689	41	6997	6271	5208	12%	34%
Downloadable eBooks	906	1074	-168	10273	10354	9547	-1%	8%
Downloadable Music	2	0	2	23	17	12	35%	92%
Downloadable Video	60	26	34	563	370	330	52%	71%
Downloadable Magazines	572	454	118	5748	4563	2088	26%	175%
TOTAL CIRCULATION	2560	2466	94	28099	23171	19770	21%	42%
<u>ILLO & RECIP. BORROWING</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
Interlibrary Loans --IN	6	14	-8	103	117	116	-12%	-11%
LINC Reciprocal IN	818	686	132	7984	6269	6049	27%	32%
TOTAL RECEIVED	824	700	124	8087	6386	6165	27%	31%
Interlibrary Loans --OUT	0	46	-46	127	161	245	-21%	-48%
LINC Reciprocal OUT	852	766	86	7668	8253	7513	-7%	2%
TOTAL SENT	852	812	40	7795	8414	7758	-7%	0%
<u>REGISTRATIONS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
Adults	28	49	-21	377	657	434	-43%	-13%
Children	7	19	-12	122	169	162	-28%	-25%
Non-Resident	10	5	5	104	90	108	16%	-4%
Teen	0	1	-1	24	23	11	4%	118%
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	45	74	-29	627	939	715	-33%	-12%
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
Other Sale	215.40	130.00	85.40	1782.55	1809.18	1221.43	-1%	46%
Room Rental	60.00	45.20	14.80	953.80	678.00	610.30	41%	56%
General Donations	5.32	5.00	0.32	311.20	1072.00	1126.00	-71%	-72%
Used Book Sales	161.55	300.60	-139.05	2401.30	2495.65	2995.55	-4%	-20%
Photocopy/Print/Fax Fee	493.06	422.20	70.86	5533.13	4500.50	3323.80	23%	66%
Sign Rental	25.00	60.50	-35.50	215.57	173.50	72.50	24%	197%
Program Fee - Adult	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.55	120.00	2982.25	-99%	-100%
Other Revenue	31.44	12.50	18.94	245.09	12.50	113.00	1861%	117%
SUBTOTAL	991.77	976.00	15.77	11444.19	10861.33	12444.83	5%	-8%
Capital Donations	140.00	0.00	140.00	2580.00	2874.00	4214.53	-10%	-39%
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1131.77	976.00	155.77	14024.19	13735.33	16659.36	2%	-16%
<u>MATERIALS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
No. of Books Repaired	15	27	-12	268	314	383	-15%	-30%
Donations added to Collection	5	6	-1	57	143	467	-60%	-88%
Used Books Sold	70	199	-129	1443	1729	3652	-17%	-60%

<u>PROGRAMS AND EVENTS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2023</u>
No. of Prog/Events								
Teen Programs	2	1	1	28	14	15	100%	87%
Pop-Up Library Visits	5	2	3	28	16	19	75%	47%
Community Events	16	21	-5	147	181	600	-19%	-76%
Children's Programmes	26	24	2	279	212	196	32%	42%
Class Visits	6	5	1	41	28	11	46%	273%
* Tech	67	47	20	633	403		57%	100%
* Seniors	2	1	1	19	22		-14%	100%
TOTAL	124	101	23	1175	876	841	34%	40%
No. of Attendees								
Teen Programs	2	4	-2	114	68	253	68%	-55%
Pop-Up Library Visits	251	240	11	920	622	769	48%	20%
Community Events	262	971	-709	1896	3009	3685	-37%	-49%
Children's Programmes	357	413	-56	5779	5152	4999	12%	16%
Class Visits	140	115	25	982	798	305	23%	222%
* Tech	68	47	21	634	403		57%	100%
* Seniors	6	5	1	161	109		48%	100%
TOTAL	1086	1795	-709	10486	10161	10011	3%	5%
* Tech and Seniors previously categorized under Community Events								
No. of Rentals/Reservations								
Room Rentals	9	10	-1	49	59		-17%	100%
Bookable Spaces	11	16	-5	136	98		39%	100%
Sign Rentals	1	0	1	6	13		-54%	100%
No. of Attendees								
Room Rentals	96	109	-13	537	700		-23%	100%
Bookable Spaces	13	19	-6	170	137		24%	100%
*Room Rentals previously categorized under Community Events								
<u>ALL COMPUTER USERS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2023</u>
Computer Workstation Users	256	97	159	2316	2637	3020	-12%	-23%
TOTAL	256	410	-154	2316	5898	7303	-61%	-68%
<u>PATRON COUNT</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2023</u>
	4128	4369	-241	41461	43776	36343	-5%	14%
<u>LIBRARY HOMEPAGE HITS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2023</u>
	1901	1504	397	17799	16066	16336	11%	9%
<u>ONLINE CATALOGUE HITS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2023</u>
	2596	3032	-436	25551	25397	17917	1%	43%
<u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2023</u>
Facebook								
Page Likes/Followers	1854	1700	154	1854	1700	1578	9%	17%
Total Post Views	32600	37041	-4441	229448	213620	181238	7%	27%
Total Post Interactions	392	680	-288	4803	4457	7724	8%	-38%
Total Posts	42	38	4	467	359	405	30%	15%
Instagram								
Page Likes/Followers	1459	1314	145	1459	1314	1194	11%	22%
Total Post Views	6965	4641	2324	91895	40435	54433	127%	69%
Total Post Interactions	159	3688	-3529	2545	8014	3824	-68%	-33%
Total Posts	33	44	-11	451	401	387	12%	17%

<u>eNEWSLETTER</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>		<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2023</u>
New Contacts	1	3	-2		56	60	137	-7%	-59%
Total Contacts to Date	539	446	93		539	446	386	21%	40%
Email Opens	0	0	0		1544	1469	1806	5%	-15%
Clickthroughs	0	0	0		206	255	430	-19%	-52%
<u>PRINTING & PHOTOCOPY</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>		<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2023</u>
Public Computers	169	102	67		1326	1830	3207	-28%	-59%
Mobile Print	219	123	96		1670	769	37	117%	4414%
Pages in Black and White	1632	1421	211		18308	15711	12282	17%	49%
Pages in Colour	92	67	25		827	621	197	33%	320%
Total Print Jobs	388	225	163		2996	2599	3244	15%	-8%
Total Number of Pages	1724	1488	236		19135	16332	12479	17%	53%

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INTERACTIONS

NEW
PATRONS

45

PATRON
VISITS

4,128

CATALOGUE
VISITS

2,596

WEB
VISITS

1,901

PHYSICAL CIRC

6,490

DIGITAL CIRC

2,560

ITEMS BORROWED
FROM LINC
LIBRARIES

818

ITEMS LOANED TO
LINC LIBRARIES

852

CIRCULATION

PROGRAMS

TOTAL
PROGRAMS

124

PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE

1,086

SOCIAL MEDIA
POSTS

75

eNEWSLETTER
SUBSCRIBERS

539

PAGES PRINTED
& COPIED

1,724

COMPUTER
USERS

256

ePRINTit
PRINT JOBS

219

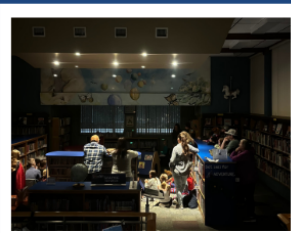
TECH HELP

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LIBRARY TECH

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spooky Story Contest
 - 15 submissions
 - 45 attended reading
- Ontario Public Library Month Contest
 - 209 submissions
- Geocache returns to the library



Spooky stories read at the library

<u>CIRCULATION (PHYSICAL)</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
Books	14023	13370	653	35829	37084	36498	-3%	-2%
Periodicals	876	770	106	2255	1766	588	28%	284%
DVDs	3109	3789	-680	10599	12926	11478	-18%	-8%
CDs	73	72	1	286	250	665	14%	-57%
Audiobooks	171	221	-50	657	627	783	5%	-16%
Board Games	95	132	-37	225	341	313	-34%	-28%
Seed Library	201	316	-115	1097	1255	400	-13%	174%
Video Games	256	261	-5	835	1007	1255	-17%	-33%
Library of Things	266	26	240	433	48	34	802%	1174%
Library of Things - Storage	8	5	3	38	20	21	90%	81%
Library of Things - Children	188	22	166	532	132	214	303%	149%
Toys and Puzzles	423	679	-256	943	2049	1987	-54%	-53%
Microfilm	70	69	1	232	235	325	-1%	-29%
TOTAL CIRCULATION	19759	19732	27	53961	57740	54561	-7%	-1%
Materials Returned	16866	17696	-830	46686	51002	49005	-8%	-5%
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	36625	37428	-803	100647	108742	103566	-7%	-3%
<u>CIRCULATION (DIGITAL)</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
Electronic Databases	1243	577	666	4205	1373	2495	206%	69%
Downloadable Audiobooks	2185	1873	312	6267	5582	4567	12%	37%
Downloadable eBooks	3035	3028	7	9367	9280	8574	1%	9%
Downloadable Music	9	1	8	21	17	12	24%	75%
Downloadable Video	155	109	46	503	344	302	46%	67%
Downloadable Magazines	1635	1267	368	5176	4109	1604	26%	223%
TOTAL CIRCULATION	8262	6855	1407	25539	20705	17554	23%	45%
<u>ILLO & RECIP. BORROWING</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
Interlibrary Loans --IN	31	38	-7	97	103	107	-6%	-9%
LINC Reciprocal IN	2286	1992	294	7166	5583	5361	28%	34%
TOTAL RECEIVED	2317	2030	287	7263	5686	5468	28%	33%
Interlibrary Loans --OUT	9	40	-31	127	115	220	10%	-42%
LINC Reciprocal OUT	2625	2602	23	6816	7487	6735	-9%	1%
TOTAL SENT	2634	2642	-8	6943	7602	6955	-9%	0%
<u>REGISTRATIONS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
Adults	137	163	-26	349	608	383	-43%	-9%
Children	47	50	-3	115	150	134	-23%	-14%
Non-Resident	32	35	-3	94	85	98	11%	-4%
Teen	15	7	8	24	22	9	9%	167%
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	231	255	-24	582	865	624	-33%	-7%
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
Other Sale	296.10	764.99	-468.89	1567.15	1679.18	1072.44	-7%	46%
Room Rental	163.80	158.20	5.60	893.80	632.80	463.40	41%	93%
General Donations	120.00	18.00	102.00	305.88	1067.00	1123.00	-71%	-73%
Used Book Sales	317.00	515.90	-198.90	2239.75	2195.05	2737.05	2%	-18%
Photocopy/Print/Fax Fee	1281.25	1374.50	-93.25	5040.07	4078.30	3030.75	24%	66%
Sign Rental	70.57	0.00	70.57	190.57	113.00	64.50	69%	195%
Program Fee - Adult	1.55	0.00	1.55	1.55	120.00	2592.25	-99%	-100%
Other Revenue	71.75	0.00	71.75	213.65	0.00	113.00	100%	89%
SUBTOTAL	2322.02	2831.59	-509.57	10452.42	9885.33	11196.39	6%	-7%
Capital Donations	1040.00	1500.00	-460.00	2440.00	2874.00	4214.53	-15%	-42%
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3362.02	4331.59	-969.57	12892.42	12759.33	15410.92	1%	-16%
<u>MATERIALS</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change 2025/2023</u>
No. of Books Repaired	26	114	-88	253	287	361	-12%	-30%
Donations added to Collection	5	11	-6	52	137	387	-62%	-87%
Used Books Sold	336	448	-112	1373	1530	3524	-10%	-61%

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS	2025	2024	+/-	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	% Change 2025/2024	% Change 2025/2023
No. of Prog/Events								
Teen Programs	10	5	5	26	13	14	100%	86%
Pop-Up Library Visits	6	5	1	23	14	18	64%	28%
Community Events	36	44	-8	131	160	525	-18%	-75%
Children's Programmes	99	86	13	253	188	178	35%	42%
Class Visits	14	0	14	35	23	8	52%	338%
* Tech	238	116	122	566	356	0	59%	100%
* Seniors	4	6	-2	17	21	0	-19%	100%
TOTAL	407	262	145	1051	775	743	36%	41%
No. of Attendees								
Teen Programs	75	28	47	112	64	246	75%	-54%
Pop-Up Library Visits	159	63	96	669	382	706	75%	-5%
Community Events	537	257	280	1634	2038	2805	-20%	-42%
Children's Programmes	2643	2632	11	5408	4739	4678	14%	16%
Class Visits	279	0	279	842	683	226	23%	273%
* Tech	238	116	122	566	356	0	59%	100%
* Seniors	15	13	2	155	104	0	49%	100%
TOTAL	3946	3109	837	9386	8366	8661	12%	8%
* Tech and Seniors previously categorized under Community Events								
No. of Rentals/Reservations								
Room Rentals	19	17	2	66	49		35%	100%
Bookable Spaces	44	45	-1	172	82		110%	100%
Sign Rentals	2	6	-4	5	13		-62%	100%
No. of Attendees								
Room Rentals	201	210	-9	821	591		39%	100%
Bookable Spaces	53	70	-17	217	118		84%	100%
*Room Rentals previously categorized under Community Events								
ALL COMPUTER USERS	2025	2024	+/-	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	% Change 2025/2024	% Change 2025/2023
Computer Workstation Users	780	827	-47	2060	2540	2760	-19%	-25%
TOTAL	780	1750	-970	2060	5488	6494	-62%	-68%
PATRON COUNT	2025	2024	+/-	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	% Change 2025/2024	% Change 2025/2023
	13811	13473	338	37333	39407	32478	-5%	15%
LIBRARY HOMEPAGE HITS	2025	2024	+/-	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	% Change 2025/2024	% Change 2025/2023
	5023	4889	134	15898	14562	14655	9%	8%
ONLINE CATALOGUE HITS	2025	2024	+/-	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	% Change 2025/2024	% Change 2025/2023
	7634	10541	-2907	22955	22365	15977	3%	44%
SOCIAL MEDIA	2025	2024	+/-	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	% Change 2025/2024	% Change 2025/2023
Facebook								
Page Likes/Followers	1833	1690	143	1833	1690	1548	8%	18%
Total Post Views	74250	69415	4835	196848	176579	165881	11%	19%
Total Post Interactions	1364	1640	-276	4411	3777	7274	17%	-39%
Total Posts	119	123	-4	425	321	368	32%	15%
Instagram								
Page Likes/Followers	1450	1309	141	1450	1309	1187	11%	22%
Total Post Views	33754	11772	21982	84930	35794	49268	137%	72%
Total Post Interactions	660	3395	-2735	2386	4326	3494	-45%	-32%
Total Posts	108	135	-27	418	357	353	17%	18%

<u>eNEWSLETTER</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>		<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2023</u>
New Contacts	12	20	-8		55	57	131	-4%	-58%
Total Contacts to Date	538	443	95		538	443	380	21%	42%
Email Opens	511	460	51		1544	1469	1593	5%	-3%
Clickthroughs	58	90	-32		206	255	377	-19%	-45%
<u>PRINTING & PHOTOCOPY</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>+/-</u>		<u>2025 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2024</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2025/2023</u>
Public Computers	447	545	-98		1239	1728	3072	-28%	-60%
Mobile Print	790	236	554		1528	646	0	137%	100%
Pages in Black and White	4080	4769	-689		17262	14290	11552	21%	49%
Pages in Colour	279	182	97		780	554	185	41%	322%
Total Print Jobs	1237	781	456		2767	2374	3072	17%	-10%
Total Number of Pages	4359	4951	-592		18042	14844	11737	22%	54%

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INTERACTIONS

NEW
PATRONS

231

PATRON
VISITS

13,811

CATALOGUE
VISITS

7,634

WEB
VISITS

5,023

PHYSICAL CIRC

19,759

DIGITAL CIRC

8,262

ITEMS BORROWED
FROM LINC
LIBRARIES

2,286

ITEMS LOANED TO
LINC LIBRARIES

2,625

CIRCULATION

PROGRAMS

TOTAL
PROGRAMS

407

PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE

3,946

SOCIAL MEDIA
POSTS

227

eNEWSLETTER
SUBSCRIBERS

538

PAGES PRINTED
& COPIED

4,359

COMPUTER
USERS

780

ePRINTit
PRINT JOBS

790

TECH HELP

238

LIBRARY TECH

HIGHLIGHTS

- Summer Reading Clubs
 - 785 participants
- Public Computers Windows 11 Upgrade
- Holds Shelf Relocated
- Art in the Atrium: Ron Fyke



Ron Fyke painting, summer craft

Operating Statement by Cost Center

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Port Colborne Library Board, Cost Center: CC0905 Library
Period: 2025 - P10 Oct, for Current Period YTD

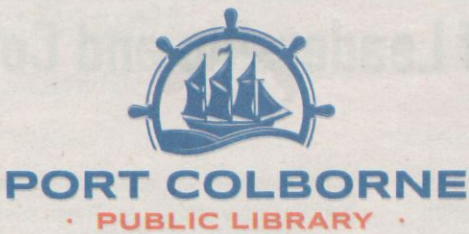
Ledger Account	Commitments	Obligations	Oct 2025		Budget	Variance
			Actual	Total		
Revenue			22,362.88	22,362.88	47,950.00	(25,587.12)
User Charges			7,973.98	7,973.98	4,000.00	3,973.98
Government Transfer			9,942.30	9,942.30	38,300.00	(28,357.70)
Investment Income			189.08	189.08		189.08
Other Revenue			4,257.52	4,257.52	5,650.00	(1,392.48)
Total Revenue			22,362.88	22,362.88	47,950.00	(25,587.12)
Expense						
Personnel			598,188.00	598,188.00	750,800.00	152,612.00
Salaries and Wages			456,359.85	456,359.85	578,800.00	122,440.15
Benefits			141,828.15	141,828.15	172,000.00	30,171.85
Non-Personnel			89,156.81	89,156.81	132,295.00	43,138.19
Materials			76,436.91	76,436.91	121,095.00	44,658.09
Contract Services			12,607.29	12,607.29	11,200.00	(1,407.29)
Rents and Financial Expenses			112.61	112.61		(112.61)
Total Expenses			687,344.81	687,344.81	883,095.00	195,750.19
Surplus/(Deficit) Before Allocation			(664,981.93)	(664,981.93)	(835,145.00)	170,163.07
Allocation						
Surplus (Deficit) After Allocation			(664,981.93)	(664,981.93)	(835,145.00)	170,163.07
Transfer					(835,145.00)	(835,145.00)
Transfer Between Companies					(835,145.00)	(835,145.00)
Surplus/(Deficit)			(664,981.93)	(664,981.93)		(664,981.93)

CPC - Operating Statement by Cost Center

Operating Statement by Cost Center
Port Colborne Library Board, Cost Center: CC0905 Library
Period: 2025 - P11 Nov, for Current Period YTD

Ledger Account	Commitments	Obligations	Nov 2025		Budget	Variance
			Actual	Total		
Revenue			24,444.80	24,444.80	47,950.00	(23,505.20)
User Charges			8,540.15	8,540.15	4,000.00	4,540.15
Government Transfer			9,942.30	9,942.30	38,300.00	(28,357.70)
Investment Income			204.07	204.07		204.07
Other Revenue			5,758.28	5,758.28	5,650.00	108.28
Total Revenue			24,444.80	24,444.80	47,950.00	(23,505.20)
Expense						
Personnel			629,725.89	629,725.89	750,800.00	121,074.11
Salaries and Wages			481,167.57	481,167.57	578,800.00	97,632.43
Benefits			148,558.32	148,558.32	172,000.00	23,441.68
Non-Personnel			100,377.21	100,377.21	132,295.00	31,917.79
Materials			87,651.98	87,651.98	121,095.00	33,443.02
Contract Services			12,607.29	12,607.29	11,200.00	(1,407.29)
Rents and Financial Expenses			117.94	117.94		(117.94)
Total Expenses			730,103.10	730,103.10	883,095.00	152,991.90
Surplus/(Deficit) Before Allocation			(705,658.30)	(705,658.30)	(835,145.00)	129,486.70
Allocation						
Surplus (Deficit) After Allocation			(705,658.30)	(705,658.30)	(835,145.00)	129,486.70
Transfer					(835,145.00)	(835,145.00)
Transfer Between Companies					(835,145.00)	(835,145.00)
Surplus/(Deficit)			(705,658.30)	(705,658.30)		(705,658.30)

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DREAMS BECAME A REALITY AT THE LIBRARY:
Seven Community Winners Announced

Submitted by RACHEL TKACHUK, Port Colborne Public Library

Back in May, the Port Colborne Public Library invited the community to think big for our "My Dream Borrow" contest. The idea was simple: share your most creative "dream borrow" with us. It could be any item you'd love to see added to our Library of Things collection. If your idea was selected, not only would it be added to the library, but you'd also receive the honorary first checkout.

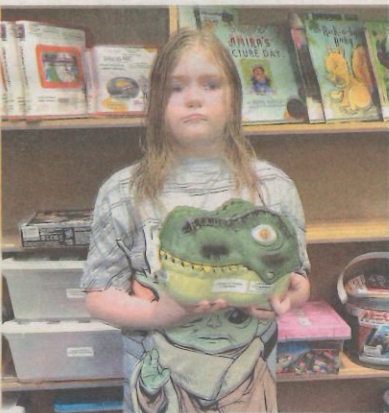
For those who may not be as familiar, the Library of Things is a collection of physical items available to borrow for free with a library card. The collection connects people with items they might want to try once or use occasionally, without having to purchase them. The Port Colborne Public Library has a range of toys and games, household objects, tools, sports equipment, and technology, including Launchpad tablets, a sewing machine, pickleball sets, gardening tools, and much, much more!

When the contest closed on May 30, we had received hundreds of practical, inventive, and sometimes downright hilarious submissions (including one memorable request for a pony!). There were so many fantastic ideas that instead of selecting just one winner like we planned, we selected seven! Library staff spent June sourcing and preparing the items, and throughout the summer, a weekly winner was invited to visit the library, share their stories, and celebrate with the community.

Here are the seven "dream borrows" that became a reality:

drawing toy, an Etch-a-Sketch. When asked why he selected this item, he explained, "I don't have one and they're fun to use!" Caleb even returned the Etch-a-Sketch with a drawing of the Port Colborne Public Library on it. His drawing skills seriously impressed us all, and we were delighted to celebrate Caleb as our first winner.

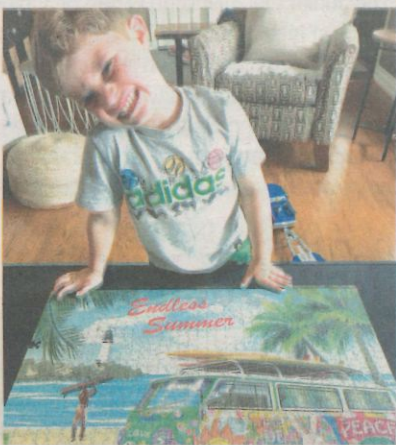
Blossom shared how much she loves dinosaurs with her suggestion of a dinosaur playset. "It feels good that my idea won," she said, "and it's great that I get to be the first one to borrow it." The toys even come stored inside an oversized dinosaur head.



Emma wanted the chance to join in on a favourite Canadian pastime and suggested a set of mini-hockey sticks. "I've seen other people playing hockey, and I wanted to try too," she explained. The mini-hockey stick set comes with two nets, two mini-sticks, and an assortment of squishy balls.



Lochlan was thinking practically when he suggested a roll-up jigsaw puzzle mat. Lochlan's idea came from when their family had been working on a table with an uneven surface, noting that they



also needed to move their puzzle once, and a puzzle mat would have been a perfect solution. Lochlan shared that he enjoys sorting pieces and doing puzzles with his family.



Emmitt was eager to gaze skyward with his suggestion of a telescope. "I want to see the moon," he said, pointing out that at home, his bedroom doubles as the "space room," making the telescope a perfect fit.



Chief Double suggested a versatile tool for birdwatching and shipspotting: binoculars! "No firetruck is complete without a good pair of binoculars," he added, noting how useful they can be for our friends at Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services.



Caleb's winning suggestion was the classic

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The seventh and final winning submission came from Melissa, who

suggested a PlayStation 5! Melissa shared that she picked the console so that their family could play new games!

Did you know that the library has a great selection of video games available to borrow, too?

During the contest, the library received several submissions for items that are already part of our collection. Some of our community members were pleasantly surprised to learn they could already borrow these items at no cost. This included items such as our loanable crochet kits, a microscope, Wonderbooks, and our Nintendo Switch.

Overall, the "My Dream Borrow" contest was a joyful reminder that when our

community dreams boldly, everyone benefits. After such a successful first year, we look forward to running the contest again in the future and seeing what new dreams might come to life.

In the meantime, we would love to invite the community to borrow an item from the Library of Things collection. To explore the collection or to place a hold, visit: www.portcolbornelibrary.org Items are loaned for one week for free with a Port Colborne Public Library card.

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RECOGNITION CARDS

Sat. Nov. 1 - Sat. Nov. 29

Recognition cards will be available to students who would like to write a personalized message to a Veteran. Share your messages on social media tagged with **#CanadaRemembers** or send them to a Veteran in your community! Free postcards and poppy seeds are also available.



YARN AND YACK

Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20 & 27, December 4, 11 & 18
2 – 3 p.m.

Join us for a **NEW** weekly social knitting/crocheting/cross-stitching/embroidery and conversation group. Free. Drop-in.



LETTERS TO SANTA

Wed. Nov. 12 – Sat. Dec. 6

Write a letter to Santa and stop by the library to put your letter in the North Pole mailbox. Santa will write back! Envelopes and letter templates are available at the library. In partnership with Canada Post. For families. Drop-in. Free.

NYE GREEN SCREEN @ VALE

Wed. Dec. 31. 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Visit our green screen at the Vale Centre's New Years Eve bash and get a celebratory photo taken with your friends and family.



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Subscribe to our monthly newsletter by visiting portcolbornelibrary.org.

REDRESS PROJECT

Presented by the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) from Nov. 25 - Dec. 10

The REDress Project was started by Métis artist Jaime Black in 2010 to represent the many missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirited people. Indigenous women and girls face higher rates of violence than other groups of women in Canada. Between 1980 and 2022, 16% of women murdered in Canada were Indigenous, yet they constitute only 4% of Canada's female population.



HOLIDAY HOURS

Tuesday, November 11, 2025
(Closed for Remembrance Day)

Wednesday, December 24, 2025
(Closed for Christmas Eve)

Thursday, December 25, 2025
(Closed for Christmas Day)

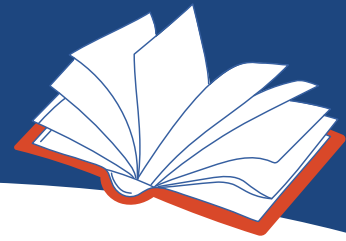
Friday, December 26, 2025
(Closed for Boxing Day)

Wednesday, December 31, 2025
(Closed at 3 p.m. for New Years Eve)



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Each year, November 11 marks
Remembrance Day.

ADULT PROGRAMS

DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES

FIRST STRIPES

Mon. Nov. 24, 2025, 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Join us for a screening and discussion of the documentary film **First Stripes** (2018, 106 min). Pre-register. Free.

A group of civilians embark on 12 weeks of intensive training that will see them gradually transformed into soldiers of the Canadian Armed Forces.

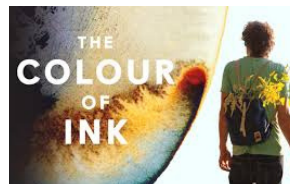


COLOUR OF INK

Mon. Dec. 29, 2025, 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Join us for a screening and discussion of the documentary film **Colour of Ink** (2022, 110 min). Pre-register. Free.

The Colour of Ink uncovers the medium's mystery and power through the eyes of Jason Logan, a visionary Toronto inkmaker. Working with ingredients foraged in the wild, he can make ink from just about anything!



ADULT CHESS CLUB

Mondays, Nov. 3, 10, 17 & 24
6 – 7:30 p.m.

Step up your chess game with this series of workshops for beginner and experienced players. For adults ages 18+. Pre-register. Free.



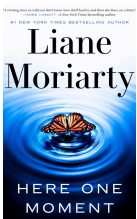
ADULT ART CLASS: COLLAGE NIGHT

Thursday, November 27,
6 – 7:30 pm

Come out for a fun and creative evening of collage making! Supplies provided. Pre-register. Free.

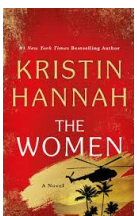


PORT COLBORNE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK CLUB



Monday, November 10, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of **Here One Moment** by Liane Moriarty. Limited spaces. Pre-register. Free.



Monday, December 8, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of **The Women** by Kristin Hannah. Limited spaces. Pre-register. Free.

ADULT ART CLASS: PAINTED ORNAMENTS

Thursday, December 11,
6 – 7:30 pm

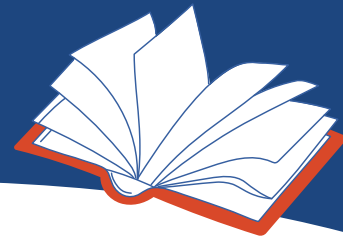
Create your own Holiday ornaments to use at home or share with others! All supplies provided. Pre-register. Free.





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Earn volunteer hours, check out your new favorite game or book all by using your Port Colborne library card!

TEEN PROGRAMS

POP-UP @ PORT HIGH

Thursday, November 6, 10:50 – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 4, 10:50 – 11:30 a.m.

Are you a PCHS student? Visit the school library during lunch for an activity with the Port Colborne Public Library. Drop-in. Free.



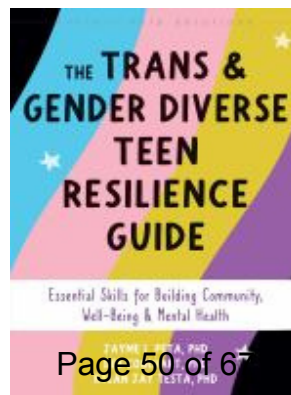
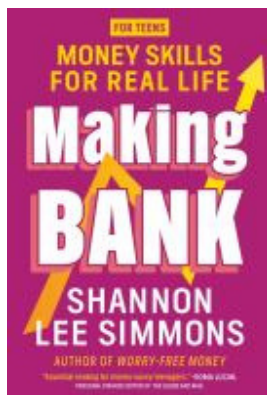
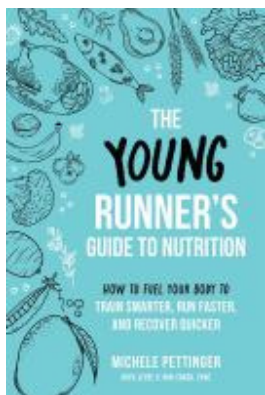
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Teens between the ages of 13 and 18 can register for a library card without a parent or guardian. Having fun is easy when you have a library card! With a card, you can check out books, board games, video games, CDs, DVDs, and more.



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TEEN BOOK REVIEWS

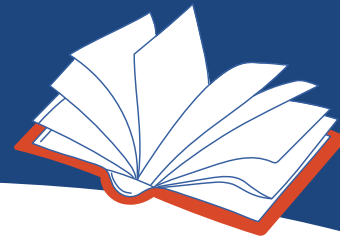
Did you know that you can earn community service hours from the books you read? Teens can earn five community service hours by writing a book review for the library. Learn more by emailing us at library@portcolborne.ca or calling us at 905-834-6512.





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After school activities are in full swing with Lego Club, a weekly themed Craft Cart and all your PD Day activity fun!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

KIDS' CRAFT CART

**Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26,
December 3, 10, 17, 3 – 4:30 p.m.**

We bring the craft supplies, you bring the creativity! Create something new at our Craft Cart with a different theme weekly. For families. Drop-in. Free.



STORY TIME WITH SHELLY

**Saturdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,
December 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Meet us in the Children's Room for fun, free, family story time. All Ages. Drop-in. Free.



LEGO CLUB

**Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, 24,
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 3 – 6 p.m.**



Complete a challenge, follow a pattern, or use your imagination to make something new – however you like to build, you're sure to create something amazing at Lego Club! For ages 5+. Drop-in. Free.

BABY TIME

**Tuesdays, November 4, 18, 25,
December 2, 9, 16, 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

Meet new friends, sing songs, and enjoy stories with your little one. For ages 0 to 2 and their caregiver. Pre-register. Free.



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HISTOIRE EN FRANÇAIS/ FRENCH STORYTIME

**Tuesday, November 25
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Join us for a Storytime in French with an Early Childhood Educator from the Centre de Sante For children ages 0 to 6 and their caregiver. Drop-in. Free.

PD DAY ACTIVITY: MAKE AN EGG CARTON DRAGON

**Friday, November 28
10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Drop by and have an eggcellent time making your very own dragon! For families. Drop-in. Free.



BOOKMARK CONTEST

November Theme: Winter Sports
Submissions due: November 30, 2025

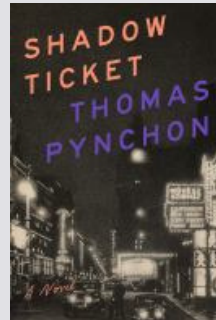
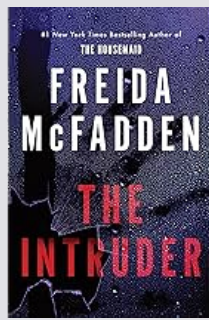
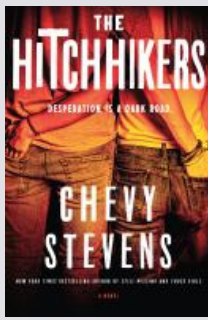
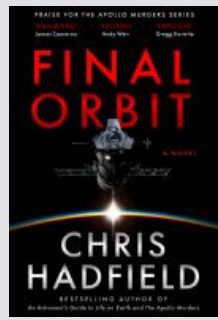


December Theme: Celebration
Submissions due: December 31, 2025

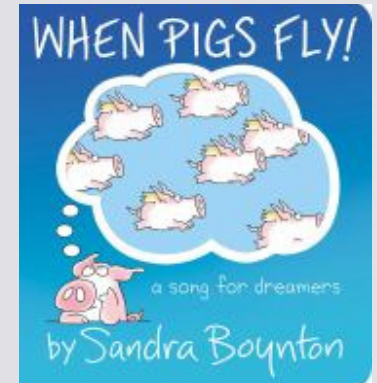
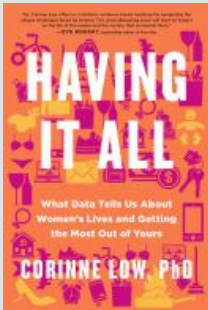
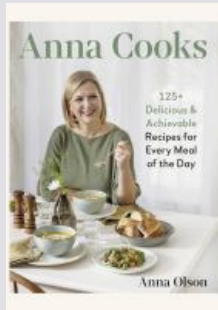
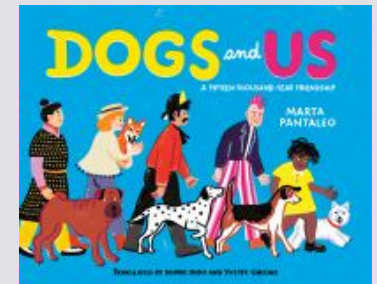


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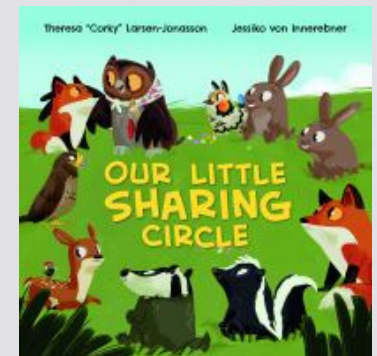
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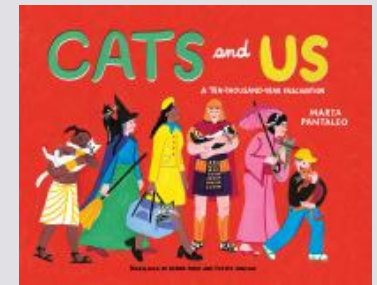
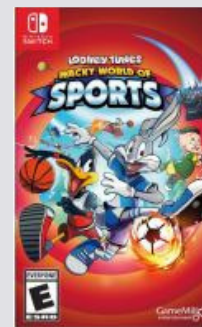
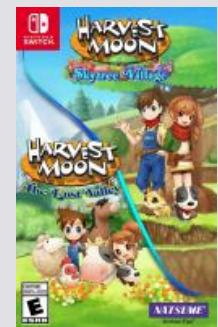
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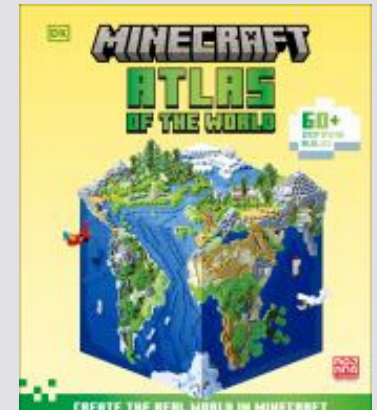
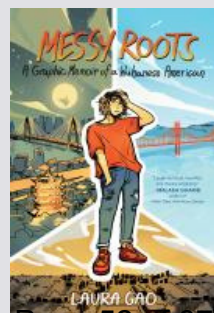
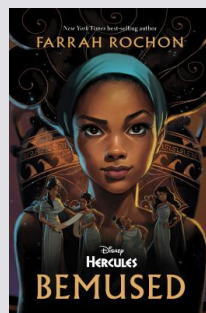
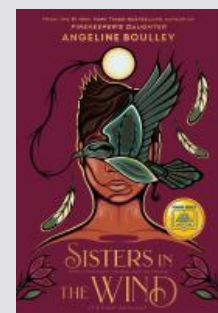
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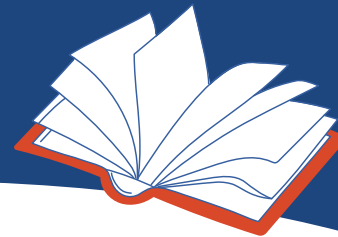


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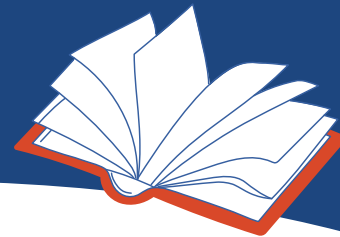
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Learn more about services and programs offered by local community support groups. Drop-in. Free.

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Resume Refresh with PC Works

**Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20, 27,
December 4, 11, 18, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.**

Bring in a paper or digital copy of your resume and get tips on how to improve it. Don't have a resume yet? PC Works can help get you started.

Bridges

Community Health Centre

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

Wednesdays, November 19 & December 17, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

The OSDCP is a free dental care program for low-income seniors (65 and older). Stop by to learn how to enroll. For other dental assistance questions, call Valerie Wehlann from Bridges at 905-871-7621 ext. 2245

Programs & Services

Thursday, November 27, 2-3:30pm

Bridges Community Health Centre's mission is to provide their community with excellent primary care, health promotion, illness prevention and community development. Learn about free programs and services offered by Bridges CHC with Health Promoter Lori.

Birchway Niagara (Formerly Women's Place)

**Mondays, November 3 &
December 1, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Learn about communication, boundaries, safety planning, and healthy relationships. Learn how to help someone who may be experiencing abuse.



Birchway

FIRE DEPARTMENT: TOY & FOOD DRIVE

For the month of December, we will be a drop off location for the Food & Toy drive in partnership with the City of Port Colborne Fire Department.



MITTEN TREE PortCares

Add a piece of warm winter gear such as mittens, hats or scarves to our mitten tree! All donations will be shared in our community through Port Cares for those in need.



Pflag & Family Board Games

Will return in January.





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Are you a gardener? Do you want to see if this fascinating hobby is for you? Check out some seeds from our Seed Library.



Our seed library was established in 2018 and has seen over 1000 seed packets borrowed. Seed libraries offer numerous benefits, including promoting genetic diversity, supporting local food security, and fostering community engagement.

Borrowing is easy: just let us know how many packets you're taking home and after harvest, send us seeds from your homegrown veggies or flowers.

BOOK OUR MUSIC MAKERSPACE

Our Music Makerspace includes a keyboard, digital drum set, ukeleles, a guitar, and bells and shakers. Book the Music Makerspace for free for sessions starting at 30 minutes. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



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Joint Statement from NFPL and SCPL

Dear Colleagues,

We hope this message finds you well. Last fall, we shared news of our collaboration to issue a joint Request for Proposal (RFP) for a shared Integrated Library System (ILS). Since then, we have worked diligently through the process, and we are pleased to provide an update on this important initiative.

Over the past year, NFPL and SCPL have:

- Issued the joint RFP in January 2025,
- Worked collaboratively to review and score proposals,
- Negotiated contract terms with the preferred vendor, and
- Finalized and signed order forms at the end of September 2025.

We are pleased to announce that **Clarivate's Polaris ILS** has been selected as our new shared system.

Our migration to Polaris will begin in Q2 2026 and continue through the remainder of that year. The new system will officially launch in January 2027.

Throughout this process, our priorities remain:

1. Collaboration and Transparency – We are committed to sharing our process and decisions openly with colleagues across Niagara.
2. Service Quality – Our focus is to provide our customers with an efficient, reliable, and modern ILS that enhances access and service.
3. Regional Cooperation – We value the strong partnerships among Niagara libraries and believe that this initiative will strengthen the regional library community.

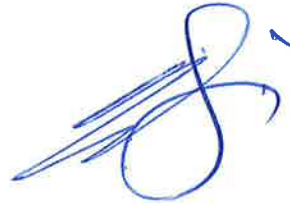
We will continue to share updates as milestones are reached, including details of the migration schedule and launch preparations. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please feel free to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support as we move forward with this exciting new chapter.

Sincerely,



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impact of technology services in Ontario public libraries



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Bridge 2023/2024 Report

key highlights

- The results from 22 participating Ontario public libraries, with nearly 6,500 respondents, show the crucial role that libraries play in connecting communities to digital services.
- In particular, 59% of Ontario library respondents reported that the library gave them access to technology they would not have had otherwise.
- Those using the library for internet access were much more likely not to have access at home (16%) compared to the general population (6%). This was even higher for those in Northern communities (30%).
- Library technology helps reduce social isolation and is used by 56% of customers to establish and maintain social connections.
- Library technology services support economic resilience by helping to advance career development and employment outcomes.
- Impacts were highest for equity deserving groups, as well as those in Northern and rural communities, clearly demonstrating that public libraries are essential infrastructure in bridging Ontario's digital divide.

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primary outcomes

digital inclusion & equitable access

Libraries are essential to bridging the digital divide.

The results show that most people who use library technology services would not have had access to that technology otherwise. This impact is more pronounced among equity-deserving groups. From a geographic lens, this impact is also more pronounced for Northern Ontario libraries. Most strikingly, the library is a critical point of access for those without internet access at home. Those using the library to access the internet were much more likely not to have access at home (16%) compared to the general population in Canada (6%).¹

"Free high-speed WiFi has been invaluable to me. Since my only option at home is limited band with slow satellite internet, fast connection at the library has been great."

overall top technology reported used



16% of the respondents that used internet, reported they do not have internet service installed at home, significantly higher than the national average

30% among Northern Ontario library respondents

92% reported they were very satisfied or satisfied with library technology service(s)

59% reported the library gave them access to technology they would not otherwise have had

69% among low-income households

66% among persons with disabilities

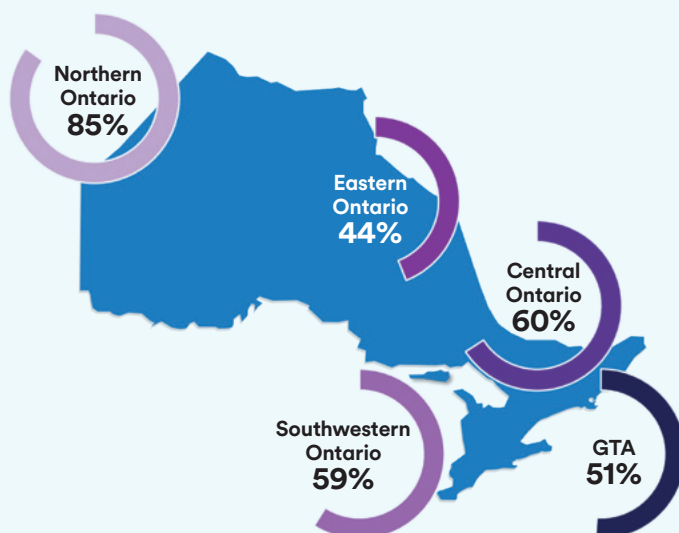
61% among Indigenous persons



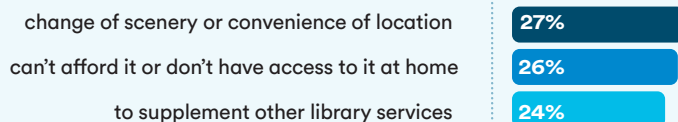
Percentage of respondents who reported that the library gave them access to technology they would not otherwise have had, by library size:



Percentage of respondents who reported that the library gave them access to technology they would not otherwise have had, by library region:



Top reasons for technology access:



¹ Statistics Canada. "Canadian Internet Use Survey, 2022." The Daily, 20 July 2023, <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/230720/dq230720b-eng.htm>.

digital literacy and adoption

Libraries support digital literacy, strengthening lifelong learning.

The results show that Ontario public libraries are essential drivers of digital literacy, equipping individuals—especially those most vulnerable—with the skills needed to participate and thrive in today’s digital world. High rates of long-term technology use demonstrate that libraries don’t just introduce new technologies—they support sustained adoption through hands-on learning, trusted guidance and digital confidence.

“[When the library] introduced my daughter to new technology, she showed great interest.”

“Our whole family has benefitted from technology classes run at the library.”

82% reported increased digital comfort as a result of using library technology service(s)

88% among gender minorities

87% among newcomers

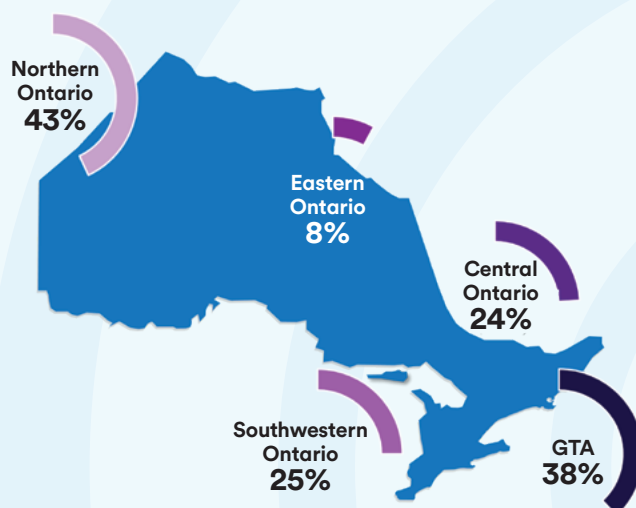
28% reported they were introduced to new technology

93% of those introduced to new technology, continued to use it

Percentage of respondents who reported being introduced to new technology, by library size:



Percentage of respondents who reported being introduced to new technology, by library region:



secondary outcomes

community, social and civic engagement

Library technology supports social connection and civic engagement.

Public libraries foster community connection and civic participation by providing inclusive access to technology. Whether they're staying in touch with loved ones, accessing local news, or engaging with online government services, patrons rely on library technology to stay informed and involved. As more services and interactions move online, libraries play a critical role in bridging the digital divide, especially for equity-deserving groups and individuals in small rural communities, ensuring everyone can participate fully in civic and community life.

"The library technology service has allowed me to keep up to date with news/community happenings that pertain to my work, without additional fees, or expenses which I cannot otherwise afford."

"Staff have been amazing with helping me fill out government forms."



56% reported increased community or social engagement as a result of using library technology service(s)

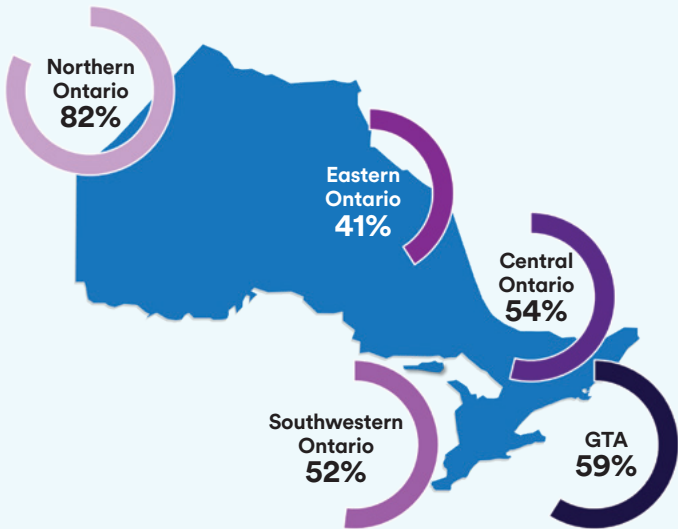
70% among Indigenous persons

61% among persons with disabilities

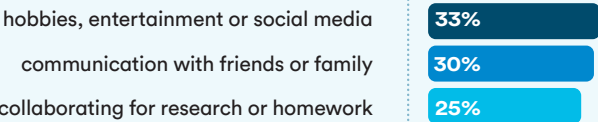
Percentage of respondents who reported increased community or social engagement, by library size:



Percentage of respondents who reported increased community or social engagement, by library region:



Top activities that contributed to community or social engagement:



27% reported using library technology service(s) to access online government resources

45% among Indigenous persons

42% among low-income households

31% among racial minorities

Top services or resources patrons accessed that contributed to civic engagement:



creativity and innovation

Library technology fosters innovation and creative expression.

The results show that Ontario public libraries are hubs of creativity and innovation, offering access to cutting-edge digital tools that empower both emerging and experienced creators. From audio and video production to design software and makerspaces, libraries provide the resources and support that spark new ideas, foster collaboration and bring creative visions to life. These opportunities are especially transformative for equity-deserving communities and Northern Ontario libraries, where access to such technology might otherwise be limited.

"I really like that the library offers various workshops and has specialists that are well-versed in a variety of skills. It's super helpful for learning new skills and moving towards my personal goals of making and editing music!"



31% reported using library technology service(s) to make creative products

56% among Indigenous persons

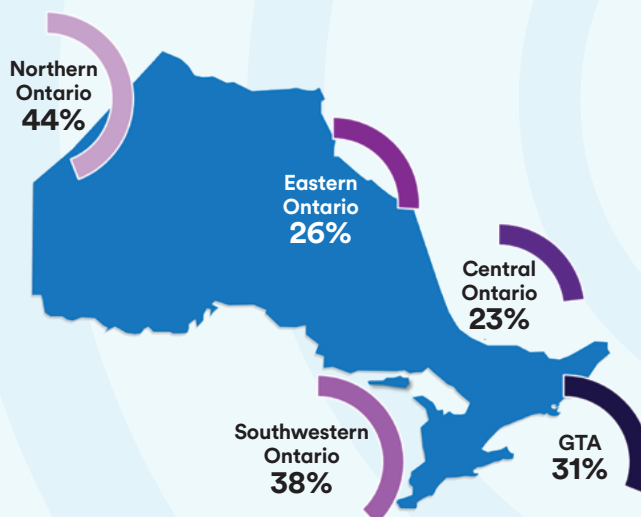
51% among gender minorities

39% among youth

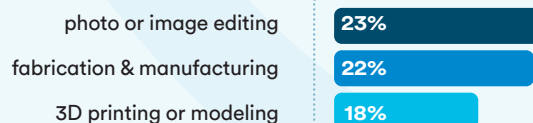
Percentage of respondents who reported making creative products, by library size:



Percentage of respondents who reported making creative products, by library region:



Top creative products technology was used for:



secondary outcomes

workforce development

Library technology facilitates education and helps to bridge the homework gap.

The results show that by providing reliable access to devices, internet and digital learning tools, public libraries help learners of all ages succeed in school, build essential skills and thrive in an increasingly connected world. These services play a crucial role in closing the homework gap and supporting lifelong learning across Ontario's communities.

"Hello! I am a library addict so that means I love going to the library often! I do suffer from mental issues and illness's so coming here helps get my homework and drawings here and having available staff and computers when maybe my laptop is dead or so on forth I do appreciate all the help..."

"The wifi in the library helped me complete my homework on many occasions."

35% reported using library technology service(s) for educational activities

55% among Indigenous persons

52% among newcomers

49% among racial minorities

90% of these same respondents reported success in advancing their education as a result of library access

Top educational activities library technology was used for:

taking an online class, workshop or test	42%
completing coursework or homework	33%
taking a degree or certificate program	24%



Library technology enables employable skills and supports the various stages of the job search process.

The results show that Ontario public libraries help people of all ages upgrade their skills, pursue career goals and secure meaningful employment. Technology services at libraries empower individuals to build long-term economic resilience, contributing to stronger communities and a more inclusive Ontario economy.

"[The Library] provides the technology I could not afford to learn new skills, expanding potential career paths (e.g. 3D printing and movie making). Basic training courses/certs for technology use such as Adobe Photoshop certs or Excel etc."

"My family depends on me as the breadwinner. I have been able to upgrade my skills and find employment by utilizing library resources without which I do not think I could have pulled it off."

28% reported using library technology service(s) to develop employable skills or meet career goals

57% among Indigenous persons

44% among racial minorities

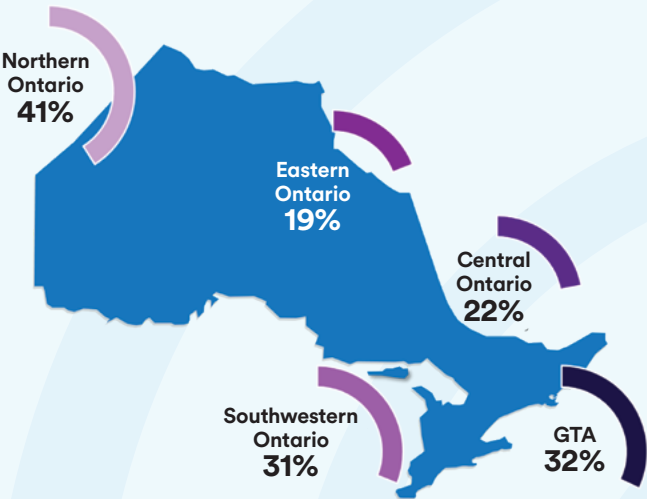
36% among low-income households

77% of these same respondents reported success in advancing their employable skills or career goals as a result of library access

Percentage of respondents who reported developing employable skills or career goals, by library size:



Percentage of respondents who reported developing employable skills or career goals, by library region:



Top employment skills or career goals library technology was used for:



21% reported using library technology service(s) to develop skills related to finding employment

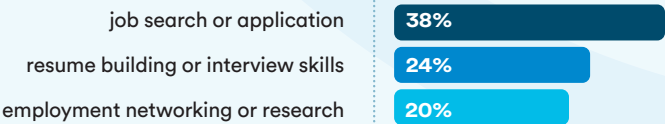
38% among low-income households

34% among Indigenous persons

33% among newcomers

52% of these same respondents reported success in finding employment as a result of library access

Top employment outcomes library technology was used for:



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In total, 22 libraries participated in Bridge over 2023 and 2024 and contributed data for this report. Of these, 7 were large libraries (serving a population over 175,000), 12 were medium-sized libraries (serving a population between 15,000 to 175,000) and 3 were small libraries (serving a population less than 15,000). In terms of geographic distribution, 2 were located in Northern Ontario, 2 in Eastern Ontario, 7 in Central Ontario, 6 in Southwestern Ontario and 5 in the Greater Toronto Area. These partner libraries generously provided input throughout their participation and implemented the Bridge data solution platform in their communities.

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