

PERTH & DISTRICT UNION
PUBLIC LIBRARY

2008

ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Perth and District Union Public Library is to be a community centre for life long learning by providing public access to print and all other media

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2008 the 18,659 residents of Drummond/North Elmsley Township, Town of Perth and Tay Valley Township enjoyed a collection of

45,569	holdings
2,307	e-book/e-audio book titles
89	magazine titles
8	newspaper titles
1,282	videos and DVDs
1,925	CDs, CD-ROMs, and audio tapes
40,055	total print material

DURING THE YEAR

99,616	people visited the library
7,124	residents were active cardholders
139,687	library items were borrowed
3,125	information questions requiring staff assistance were answered
1,900	electronic uses were recorded
11,804	hours of public Internet usage were recorded
1,092	telephone and mail requests for reference assistance were answered
1,903	items were borrowed through interlibrary loan
1,032	items were lent through interlibrary loan
277	talking books were borrowed through interlibrary loan
979	children attended March break and summer programs and library puppet shows
969	one-on-one summer literacy tutorial sessions were held
720	children visited with school classes/community organizations
1,800	children and caregivers attended story and craft sessions
1,015	children accessed the children's computer
1,180	babies and caregivers participated in baby story time
1,496	toddlers and caregivers participated in toddler time

PARTNERSHIPS AND GRANTS

Ontario Ministry of Culture annual grant
Ontario Ministry of Culture Pay Equity Grant
Young Canada Works grant for a summer student
Canada Summer Jobs grant for a summer student
CAP Sustainability grant to upgrade Internet workstations
TD Bank Financial Group sponsored the summer reading club
SOLS sponsored high speed Internet connectivity
Civitan Club of Perth sponsored periodical subscriptions
Scholastic Canada donated prizes for the literacy program
Friends of the Library
Film Night International

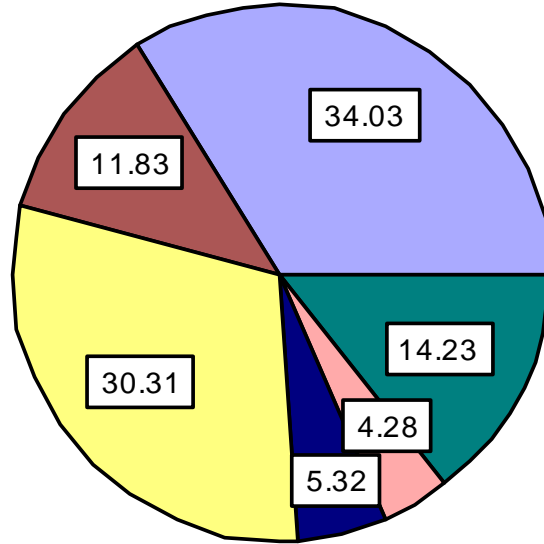
Local sponsors of our literacy program:

3M Company
Albany International
Canadian Tire
Civitan Club of Perth
Friends of the Library
Kiwanis Club of Perth
Knights of Columbus
Legion Ladies' Auxiliary
Lioness Club of Perth
Lions Club of Perth
OMYA
Perth Toy Pocket
RBC Investments/Jim Noble
RBC Foundation
Rotary Club of Perth
Royal Canadian Legion
University Women's Club

RESOURCES AND SERVICES

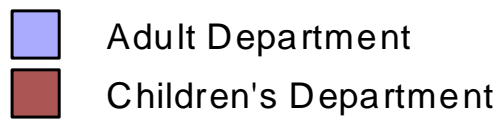
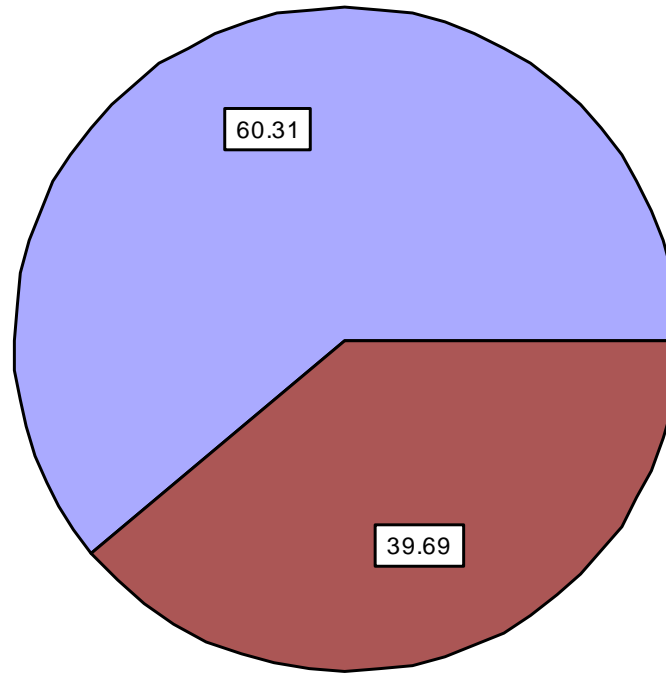
Information, reference and readers' advisory services
Books and magazines for adults and children
Videos, CDs, audio cassettes, DVDs, CD-ROMs
Books on tape and on CD
Large print books
Reservations and library account checking from home
Internet access (5 workstations)
Library web site (www.ripnet.com/sites/perthlibrary/)
Government publications
Local history and genealogy
Library service to homebound patrons
Work processing computer
Interlibrary loan (materials borrowed from other libraries)
Patron initiated interlibrary loan requests
Story hours
School holiday programs for children
Meeting room rentals
Photocopier
Laminating
Elevator access to second floor
After hours book return
National and local newspapers
Literacy programs
Parenting section
Home access to Access Science Encyclopedia
Home access to VDX (Ontario Public libraries database)
Home access to World Book encyclopedia
Home access to e-books and e-audio books
Home access to Tumble Books
Home access to Perth Library database
Home access to Knowledge Ontario databases
Preschoolers' boxes of thematic material
Baby storytime
Toddler time

Circulation by Material Type

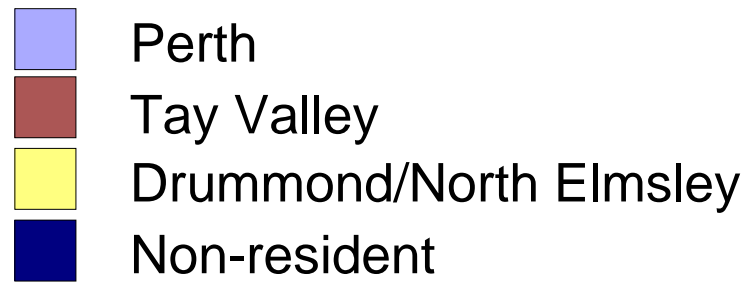
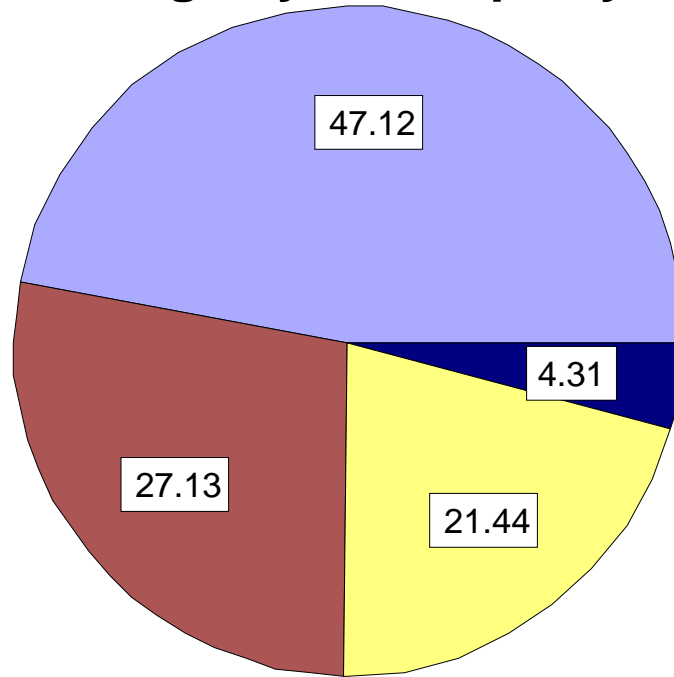


- Adult Fiction
- Adult Non-Fiction
- Junior Fiction
- Junior Non-Fiction
- Magazines
- Electronic Materials

Total Circulation by Department



Usage by Municipality



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Circulation of materials increased 5.04% over 2007

In-house use of Internet workstations increased 8.64% over 2007

Attendance at library programs decreased 5.15% over 2007

New policies included updated Collection Development Plan, Technology Plan, Wireless Access Policy, Tangible Capital Asset Policy, introduction of new non-resident summer membership rate, and a policy on animals in the library

Public relations initiatives included new bookmark design, new library logo design, library blog, Perth Union Library pens, newspaper columns, radio interviews and promotional packages to Real Estate offices, Welcome Wagon, school classes, and service clubs. The library participated in the Historica Fair by judging and providing a workshop venue.

Fund-raising by the Friends of the Library allowed us to purchase two flat-screen monitors, a bicycle for our Read to Ride program, and to redesign our web page. Film Night International donations included a puppet theatre, CD display case and bean bag chairs.

Grants approved in 2008 included Young Canada Works, Canada Summer Jobs and Community Access Program Sustainability

Governance: A Committee of the Whole structure was established to oversee expansion planning. The Board Chair and CEO made the first of annual visits to municipal councils to update them on the previous year's accomplishments and activities. In January, 2008 library staff were presented with our accreditation certificate and plaque by the Minister of Culture at the OLA Superconference

Technology: The library purchased a new server for its networked computers in 2008. Library introduced wireless Internet connectivity. Extension to Internet Connectivity by SOLS has been approved until March, 2010

Space issues: Architect Gerry Shoalts provided a cost estimate for a phased-in approach to the library expansion. Paperback spinners were removed from the children's department to relieve overcrowding. The children's washroom and stairwell areas are being used for additional storage. Teen area has been spruced up with bean bag chairs, an expanded collection of graphic novels and display units.

