

from the chair of the board

This has been an excellent year for the Perth & District Union Public Library. The library continues to be a community hub, with library visits and borrowing (see our stats!), children's programming, after-school activities for teens, support for book clubs and seniors, community events and much more.

The 2017-2021 strategic plan continues to guide the library's work into the future. In 2019, the library signed reciprocal borrowing agreements with Lanark Highlands, Mississippi Mills, and Rideau Lakes, allowing our residents to freely access library services and collections in those municipalities.

Continued support from groups such as the Friends of the Library, Film Night International, and Civitan have helped us keep our space fresh and appealing and some of our key programs running, and we appreciate the public's ongoing support of our Children's Literacy Fund. The Friends of the Library study room opened in fall of 2019 and has been busy since.

Following the municipal election, a new library board was appointed. The 2019 Board has a number of new faces and fresh perspectives to bring to our ongoing efforts to advocate for the importance of our library's role for the well-being of our local communities.

As the Chair of the Library Board, I am pleased to be a part of a great team: Board members, staff, and our volunteers. We look forward to the coming year!

Carol Rigby

Library Board

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Library Staff

CEO: Erika Heesen

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Children's Library Specialist: Ketsia Snider

Library Technicians: Rae Ann Prosser-

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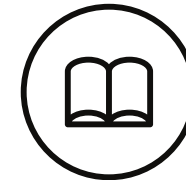
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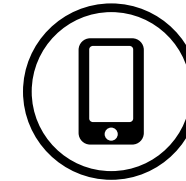
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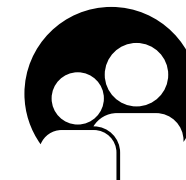


120,105 items
borrowed



28,162 e-books
borrowed
11,512 computer
sessions

up 23%!



120,826 visits
6,113 program
attendees

2,109 students visited with their class -
that's **210 per month!**
or 17% of all library visits

2019 Highlights

The library has been busy and bustling in 2019! We saw our community borrow over 120,000 items and visit the library over 120,000 times. eBook borrowing continues to expand dramatically, with a 23% increase this year.

The library continued popular programs such as book clubs, the TD Summer Reading Club, and the Summer Literacy Program.

Thanks to donations from the Friends of the Library, we converted a former cupboard into a beautiful small study room that is available free of charge. We also used reserves to update our aging elevator so that all members of our community can safely access the second floor of the library.

The library added STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) boxes and literacy kits to our collection this year. The STEAM boxes provide tools, materials, and activities for exploring STEAM concepts, and the Literacy Kits have activities to help build literacy skills. Both are a great tool for busy parents and fun and educational for kids.



The library also signed reciprocal borrowing agreements with the libraries in Lanark Highlands, Mississippi Mills, and Rideau Lakes. This allows all of our residents to freely sign up for a library card at any of these libraries (and vice versa).

On the staff side, our CEO, Erika Heesen, went on maternity leave in October 2019, and Julie Hansen was promoted as Interim CEO until September 2020. We look forward to continuing to serve all of your literacy and information needs!

Thank you!

... to our funding municipalities: Perth, Drummond/North Elmsley, Tay Valley
... to our board members and more than 40 volunteers
... to our community partners and local businesses
... to our fundraising partners: Friends of the Library, Film Night International, and all of our supportive community members
and most of all to you, our library users!

WHERE THE MONEY

COMES FROM:

Municipal Contributions:

- Perth \$212, 138
- TVT 166, 141
- DNE 165, 221

Provincial Operating Grant 42, 817

Other grants 14, 070

Donations 152, 683

General Revenue 32, 144

WHERE THE MONEY

GOES:

Staff, Benefits, Training \$432, 966

Collections 67, 160

Special Programs & Activities 46, 577

Building & Insurance 136, 762

Fire Hall Lease & Operations 3, 095

Technology 8, 005

Equipment & Shelving 1, 078

Supplies 12, 034

Perth & District Community

Foundation Funds 54, 506