

### **Branch News**

- On Sunday December 7 there was a small electrical fire at the **Fenelon Falls Library Branch**. There was minor damage to ceiling tiles in the back area of the building. The branch was still able to open on Monday December 8. Repairs are ongoing.
- The kitchen area of **Bethany Library Branch** is currently being renovated. Carpet in the kitchen area will be removed and replaced, and updated cabinets and countertop will be installed.
- The **Bobcaygeon Library Branch** is partnering with the Settlers Village Quilters to display the Bobcaygeon Centennial (1976) Signature Quilt.

### **Programs, Outreach and Partnerships**

#### **Programs/Services**

- All 40 spots are full for the winter edition of the **Teen** (13-18yo) and the new **BeTween** (9-12yo) **Seasons of Reading Boxes**. Reading boxes were distributed in January.
- **Dunsford Library Branch** is now hosting four monthly **class visits** with students from the local elementary school. Library staff provide a story time, activity and craft stations, and a book exchange for each class.
- 180 people attended the **Noon Years Eve** event in **Lindsay Library Branch** on December 31.
- Families took part in a **Pajama and Stuffy Storytime** at **Lindsay Library Branch** on January. Participants brought a favourite stuffed animal and enjoyed a set of cozy stories and songs.
- **Kawartha Lakes LoreTalks: Kent Street Through the Years** was well attend, with participants learning more about the history of buildings along Kent St.
- StoryTime programs now include a **Kindergarten Readiness** component. Developed with EarlyON, each month, library staff will introduce a social development or early literacy skill that will ease young children through the transition into school.
- **Special holiday crafts** offered over the December school break included a Gingerbread House ornament, a New Year's Eve Noisemaker, and a Sock Snowman. Overall, 324 kids and parents participated.
- **Learn to Play Ukulele** at the **Kinmount Library Branch** has been well attended through the fall and winter. This is a community-led weekly program in which participants learn together and provide guidance to newcomers.
- **Family Literacy Day** takes place every **January 27** to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in literacy-related activities as a family.

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- Six library branches provided special activities on the **January 30 PA Day**. Children could take part in various crafts. Waste Management offered a bag making workshop in **Woodville Library Branch** that day in which participants learned how to fashion a bag from an old t-shirt, diverting it from landfill.

### **Outreach**

- Library staff walked in the **Coboconk Santa Claus Day Parade** in December, distributing 200 library pamphlets, *I love my library* stickers, and candy canes.
- Library staff attended the **Christmas at Ken Reid** event in December. Festive storytelling was offered, as well as STEAM kits from our *Library of Things* collection for children and families to engage with during the event.
- Library staff made a storytime visit to **CAPC (SIRCH Community Services)** in Lindsay. Library programming information was provided at the end of the visit. This non-profit group supports families with young children (under 6) through free weekly meetups for peer support, nutrition, and resources, addressing isolation and improving child development.

### **Partnerships**

- The library has collaborated with the **Lindsay Legion** and **Ottawa-Huron Tract Historical Society** on grant applications. If awarded, the library will present craft and technological workshops and offer historical presentations that feature items from our local history collection.
- In partnership with the **Lindsay Downtown BIA** the library displayed a special **story walk** to celebrate the holiday season. Participating stores along Kent Street displayed a page from the book in their front window.
- The Library is partnering with Lakeland Health Unit to help distribute free radon testing kits. The program is part of a cross-country testing program.

### **City**

- Artifacts from Lindsay's **25 Year Time Capsule** are now on display at the **Lindsay Library Branch**. The time capsule was opened by Mayor Elmslie on December 16 and has been sealed since December 31 2000.

<b>KPIs for 2025</b>		
<b>Branch Visits</b>	<b>Overall Circulation</b>	<b>Event Attendance</b>
<b>184,727</b>	<b>380,609</b>	<b>52,181</b>