

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.

- 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.

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