

Branch News

- Renovations to the Coboconk septic system and bathrooms continue and should wrap up by early May. Shelving to be installed mid May.
- The City has advised that replacement of carpeting on main floor of Lindsay library branch will start after Labour Day. It is anticipated that this project will take approximately 1 week, during which the branch will be closed as all the shelving need to be removed.

Programs, Outreach and Partnerships

Programs/Services

- Changes to **Hoopla** maximum item costs as well as the number of electronic items a patron may borrow in a month appear to be working as the daily budget is not being reached until later afternoon or early evening.
- The Library recently purchased a new **button maker**, which has been a huge hit at a variety of outreach events and branch activities.
- Spring **subscription boxes** are being distributed to 30 teens at the end of April.
- A **Swim Pass** for the Lindsay Recreation Complex, a **Skate Pass** for the Lindsay Recreation Complex, and a **Swim Pass** for the Forbert Memorial Pool were added to the **Community Pass** collection. Kawartha Settlers' Village has renewed their pass for the 2024 season as well. The Kawartha Lakes Museum and Archives Pass and the Ken Reid pass also continue to be popular.
- Little Britain Library Branch is hosting local author visits, with Sara Walker visiting on April 8th and Gwen Tuinman on May 13th.
- A new **Baby & Me** program in Omemee will start on May 3rd, mirroring what is offered in Lindsay with occasional guest visits from EarlyON.
- **Cricut programs** are as popular as ever and a new program is going to be offered in Bobcaygeon, joining the ones already offered in Lindsay, Oakwood and Omemee.
- Lindsay branch hosted at **Plant Swap** on March 9th. A second plant swap will happen on June 8th.
- Special guests to the Lindsay **Baby & Me** group came to talk about available health programs with the HKPR Health Unit and mental health support from the local division of the Canadian Mental Health Association
- The Fenelon Falls Library Branch hosted a **DIY Seed Tape** workshop during Earth Week.

- The Dalton, Fenelon Falls, Norland, Woodville, Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Little Britain Library Branches hosted special events for children on Monday April 8th P.A. Day which coincided with the solar eclipse. Each branch offered a **Solar Eclipse Craft** and a special activity including String Art, Keva Planks, Makedo Cardbord Construction Tools, Table Top Games, and Cookie Decorating workshops.
- The Fenelon Falls Library Branch held a **Beginners Sewing Workshop** in April. This workshop is for people who have little or no experience using a sewing machine.
- 62 patrons voted in the 2024 Kawartha Lakes Reader's Choice Awards. For the 3rd year in a row *Where the Crawdads Sing* has won the most popular general fiction category and the most votes overall. See poster following for all winners.

Outreach

- St. Thomas Aquinas students from the Life Skills class and the Autism class have each visited the Lindsay branch for a tour and activities to learn about the Library. As well, the Outreach Specialist was invited to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School to present to the grade 9 and 10 students.
- Port 32 in Bobcaygeon invited the Library to do a presentation on Library offerings at the Bobcaygeon branch, as well as general services both online and in person..
- The Aspira Retirement Home in Bobcaygeon hosted a Wellness Fair in March. Library staff attended and showcased a variety of wellness-themed books, and many items from the Library of Things that promote wellness such as items from the Active Living collection, Cognitive Kits, and more.
- Staff attended Easter in the Park alongside the City of Kawartha Lakes Parks and Recreation department. The Library offered a craft and an Easter-themed Storytime, and connected with over 70 families.

Partnerships

- The library partnered with Salvation Army to host income tax clinics at Oakwood and Little Britain branches.

KPIs to March 31		
Branch Visits	Overall Circulation	Program Attendance
49,841	97,571	14,588