

Branch News

- Roof renovations at the Fenelon Falls Library began in mid-May. Once the new roofing membrane is installed, work will commence on replacing the HVAC systems. The branch has remained open throughout construction. Interior space design will begin following completion of this work.
- The Library's Growth Strategy Plan officially launched with a kick-off meeting in mid-May, following delays caused by the April ice storm.
- Preliminary planning is underway for the Library's upcoming **Strategic Plan**.
- The foyer tiles at the Lindsay Branch will be replaced later this year. To facilitate the work, the branch will close for approximately two days over a weekend.

Programs, Outreach and Partnerships

Programs/Services

- A pop-up **Craft & Connect** workshop was held at the Norland Branch in May, where participants used the Cricut Mug Press to create custom-designed mugs
- On May 2, a **Craft & Connect** session at Lindsay Branch invited participants to create Mother's Day-themed items using the Cricut Mug Press.
- Weekly adult social time continues every Thursday at Fenelon Falls, drawing 8–10 participants for crafts, trivia, and other social activities. There's increasing demand for programs that promote social inclusion for adults and seniors.
- The Lindsay Reference Department continues digitization work on the **Woodville Scrapbooks** and photo albums to make these valuable local and family history resources more widely accessible.
- Lindsay branch hosted a successful **Plant and Seedling Swap** in May.
- May was **Get Caught Reading Month**, celebrating the joy of reading. Community members were encouraged to submit photos of themselves reading for a chance to win a prize in a random draw.

Outreach

- Library staff provided **book exchanges with care homes** located in Bobcaygeon (Aspira Retirement and Case Manor) and Lindsay (William Place, Frost Manor, and Caressant Care)
- A new StoryWalk featuring *The Very Impatient Caterpillar* by Ross Burach was installed at Settler's Village in Bobcaygeon for May and June.
- On May 9, library staff participated in the Teen Wellness Fair hosted by Chimo Youth and Family Services. Staff provided information about teen resources and

programming, along with a fun, interactive cookie decorating station.

Approximately 30 teens visited the booth.

- Staff visited **Bobcaygeon Nursery School and Daycare** in May to deliver a 30-minute storytime and distribute brochures about children's library programs for families.
- Class visits were hosted at Lindsay Branch in May for several local school groups, including a Grade 2/3 split class, a kindergarten group, and a Grade 1/2 split class. Each visit featured a library scavenger hunt, interactive storytime, and multiple hands-on stations, such as STEAM kits, crafts, and tech activities.

Partnerships

- Library staff attended the May **TLDSB Community Partners Breakfast** to connect with other local service providers.
- The Kinmount Branch hosted a successful **Seedy Saturday** event in collaboration with the Kinmount Friends of the Library and the Kinmount Gardening Club. Over 70 people attended.
- In celebration of **World Migratory Bird Day**, the Library partnered with **Bird Friendly Kawartha Lakes** for a series of events throughout May:
 - On May 3, Zac Steele of Kawartha Bird Control led two workshops at Norland Branch.
 - On May 10, guided bird walks were held from the Dunsford, Fenelon Falls, and Omemee branches.
 - On May 20, Rob Stavinga delivered a talk on creating safe and welcoming habitats for backyard birds.

KPIs to April 30 2025		
Branch Visits	Overall Circulation	Event Attendance
59,699	125,749	16,232