

Branch News

- Renovations to the Coboconk septic system and bathrooms are completed. Work on the new service desk is wrapping up May 31. Shelving to be installed May 31 with staff working the following week to get the branch ready to re-open. Tentative plans to re-open the library in the week of June 10.
- Building and Property have indicated that carpeting of the main floor Lindsay branch will take place after Labour Day. It is anticipated that the branch will be closed to the public for two weeks. Staff will be scheduled to assist with removal, packing and re-shelving of library collection over three phases as all shelving will need to be moved while carpeting work takes place.
- The **Gardening Group at the Kinmount Branch** are busy getting the gardens ready for planting. They will once again be planting vegetable which when ready will be available to people to help themselves

Programs, Outreach and Partnerships

Programs/Services

- **Spring Teen Subscription Boxes** have been distributed. 30 young patrons received a box filled with press flower activity courtesy of Pinnguaq, cake pop recipe, creative note pad and seed pack craft along with personal book recommendations from library staff.
- Omemee branch has launched a weekly **Baby & Me** program for parents and caregivers.
- The Fenelon Branch started a **beginners sewing workshop**.
- 16 Families are currently enjoying the **Little Lights** program at the Dalton Branch. The children are all under 5 and enjoy stories, music, playdoh fun and creative colouring.
- Lindsay branch hosted a **Plant Swap** on Saturday June 1
- The library began its first patron survey using the **Bridge Tool Kit** created by Library Impact Ontario. Bridge is a web based platform that helps track impact of technology in the library. This includes the use of; public computers, wifi, cricut, technology courses, microfilm, photo scanner and sewing machines. The customer survey gathers direct community and customer feedback on library technology services, helping identify what and how technology is being used and the impact this access has on their lives.
- Lindsay Reference department has had **scanner software** installed on one of the laptops available for public use.

Outreach

- Outreach staff attended the **Ross Memorial Hospital Wellness Fair** on May 15. This was a great opportunity to show off wellness related programs and services including Cognitive Kits, Active Living items and more.
- Library staff were asked to present at Central Senior School in Lindsay on May 17 for **Careers Day**. Staff outlined many of the different jobs at libraries as well as briefly explained the schooling requirements associated with some of the jobs. In total, staff presented to nine classes.
- Now that we are back into tourism season, Service Centres will have a library **Visitor Services** pamphlet available to let visitors know what services are available to them, even if they do not live in the area.

Partnerships

- The Lindsay branch has partnered with St. John's Ambulance to bring in a new therapy dog with whom children can practice their reading. A **Read to the Dog** program has been promoted. Library staff are looking to start with monthly **Read to the Dog** visits. There is currently a short waitlist of 7 children.
- Kawartha Lakes Police Service celebrated **National Police Week** at the library with a special guest Storytime and a peek inside their police cruiser on May 16.

Kudos

Positive feedback for the Library

Being a person with a disability, reading is my saviour and our library is the best! Staff are always the friendliest when I go to pick up a book. The on line service allows us to locate a book, or find a suggestion, put it on hold and wait for "the call" all without leaving our home! The books are in excellent shape as well as the library! What used to be a smelly old place to find out of date books has become a new refreshed, wonderful place to find any book you wish. I love this service!

KPIs to April 30		
Branch Visits	Overall Circulation	Event Attendance
67,816	130,739	19,340