

### **Branch News**

- NVDA screen reading software has been installed on all public access computers. This software supports those with vision issue to navigate a computer.
- Two new **display units** are in place at Lindsay Program Department

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

#### **Programs/Services**

- In February, attendees at the **Craft and Connect** sessions learned how to use the Cricut Mug Press, a machine that applies ink designs onto ceramic mugs. In March, patrons will make a personalized treat jar for their pets. Lindsay and Fenelon Falls branches have many people on the waitlist to join this program. Staff are working on how to increase the number of sessions at these two locations.
- A **Mahjong** group has started to meet at Coboconk Branch. There is also a Scrabble group, an adult colouring group and a group of residents who regularly attend the monthly Craft and Connect Program.
- **PA Day** activities continued on February 28<sup>th</sup> at all Friday-open branches.
- All 100 special Take Home Packs for **Family Day** were distributed. These packs included a brochure listing five activities that KLPL recommends to do for Family Day (reading, playing a game, baking together as a family, etc.) along with some bonus items such as hot chocolate packs, and suggested books to check out from the library. On Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, all branches also hosted a **drop-in craft** where participants were encouraged to create snowflakes out of washi tape and construction paper.
- Bobcaygeon had a successful **Dungeons and Dragons** game event in February.
- Staff are tabulating patron votes for the annual **Readers Choice Awards** and will announce winners in mid-March.

#### **Outreach**

- Library staff visited the **Bobcaygeon Nursery and Daycare** for a drop-in storytime. Bobcaygeon program calendars were distributed to go home with the children.

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- Care Home visits continued in February with book exchanges at **Aspira and Case Manor** in Bobcaygeon, and at **William Place, Frost Manor, and Caressant Care** in Lindsay.
  - **The Happy Hour Book Club** met at the Old Dog Brewery in Bobcaygeon. This book club is at full capacity.
  - The **Pages and Pints Book** club met at the Olympia Restaurant in downtown Lindsay. This book club consistently has 10-11 people attended.
  - The **Books and Brews** book club meets monthly at Murphy's Pub in Fenelon Falls. There are currently 14 members in this book club.
  - Bobcaygeon staff hosted the first meeting of a book club at **Kindred Coffee Bar** in Bobcaygeon in February. This book club is already full with a waitlist of interested patrons.
  - Library staff gave a presentation on library services, programs, accessibility, and volunteer opportunities, at the **Community Care Diner's Club in Fenelon Falls and Burnt River**. A total of 88 individuals were at this event.
  - New story walk boards are in place at **Ken Reid Conservation Area** and **Settlers Village**.
  - Library staff attended the **Love Your Local Authors** event on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, hosted by **The Olde Kirk Museum** located in Kirkfield, ON. Attendees were given a presentation on library services, programs and resources available.

## Partnerships

- Distribution of **free menstrual supplies** at all library branches should commence in March. This is a joint venture between the library, Women's Resources and Period Purse.
- J. Anderson met with staff from Community Cares to discuss possible future partnership ideas.

KPIs to January 31 2025		
Branch Visits	Overall Circulation	Event Attendance
16,099	33,129	4,465