

## **Branch News**

- **Lindsay branch** will be closed August 31 to September 14 as carpet is replaced. Minor renovations to the Children's/Program department will result in a further two-week delay before that department is re-opened.
- Two staff work spaces have been renovated in **Fenelon Falls branch** including computer connections to the CKL network. This is part of the first phase of renovations planned for this location.
- Driveway and parking lot of **Dalton Library Branch** and Community Centre has been paved.

## **Programs, Outreach and Partnerships**

### **Programs/Services**

- Lindsay branch is adding supportive enhancements for StoryTime participants living with sensory sensitivities – staff have been utilizing **Visual Schedule** cards that are placed on a magnetic easel so everyone knows a predictable path for the program. Staff are also trialing lighting options - relying on natural light and turning overhead lights off as bright white lighting can be triggering for many.
- Local author **Heather Bradley** visited a recent **Thursday Storytime** in Lindsay as a special guest reader to read from her new alphabet learning book "My Apple." There were 17 participants for this event.
- 19 people booked one-on-one tech learning sessions at Lindsay branch.
- 30 **teen boxes** were distributed once again this summer. These boxes were space themed and included galaxy slime, an invisible ink pen, space stickers, rocket candies and more. Personal book recommendations were prepared for each registrant by library branch staff.

### **Outreach**

- Library staff attended the **Classics on Kent** event on July 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am-3pm. A booth with library services pamphlets, program calendars, and colouring pages was located outside of the library building. Outreach staff distributed around 75 Summer Reading Club brochures along Kent Street
- Library staff attended a **local history and genealogy workshop** in Bobcaygeon on July 24<sup>th</sup>. The Kawartha Lakes Heritage and Planning program hosted this event, along with attendees from the Kawartha Lakes library (myself), Kawartha Lakes museum and archives, and Trent University library and archives. A 15-minute presentation was done by myself, addressing the libraries physical and digital archival collections, information regarding the reference department and

the services that they offer. After presentations were completed, patrons were encouraged to talk amongst attendees with any questions or concerns. 12 interactions were made that evening

- Library staff have been attending various camps throughout the summer months: **Compass Early Learning and Care, Lindsay Recreational Center and Leslie Frost's Schools Cool** program. The library specialist begins their visit with an introduction from the library, an interactive story book, followed by three stations of activities that students can rotate through. A library services pamphlet, along with an SRC brochure was provided to take home. This summer, outreach staff connected with 69 students.
- Library staff hosted **outdoor pop-up story times** throughout the Kawartha Lakes this summer. Kinmount Park, Bobcaygeon beach, Bethany Community Park, and the Edwin Binney Community Garden Centre were all pop-up locations.

### **Partnerships**

- The library has arranged for **CKL Heritage Officer** Emily Turner to visit all 14 branches to promote and discuss the City's proposed archaeological plan during its consultative phase
- The library has arranged for **CKL Environmental Services** staff to attend branches on TLDSB PA days and over March Break to discuss ways families can divert material from landfills and also inform the public on proposed composting services coming to Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay and Omemee

### **Kudos**

#### **Positive feedback for Library Services**

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the exceptional service provided by your library and dedicated volunteers. Your commitment to fostering love for reading and learning within our community has not gone unnoticed.

I want to extend a special thank you for the wonderful selection and supply of books available at the library. This has enriched my reading experience immensely and do not go unappreciated.

<b>KPIs to July 31</b>		
<b>Branch Visits</b>	<b>Overall Circulation</b>	<b>Event Attendance</b>
<b>122,592</b>	<b>233,981</b>	<b>33,075</b>