

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.

Programs, Outreach and Partnerships

Programs/Services

- **Noon Year's Eve Party** – Lindsay families welcomed in the New Year a little early at the library with party hats, snacks, and fun. Over 120 people attended.
- Registration for the **winter Teen subscription boxes** opened on Saturday, December 6 with 30 patrons registering. Boxes were distributed in early January. Special items in these boxes included a snowman making keychain and materials to make library book bags along with personalized reading recommendations.
- The Library handed out 100 literacy packs in honour of **Family Literacy Day** on January 27. With a theme of “learn to be green together”, the pack included suggested activities for families to do together, plus supplies for an activity – creating a plant terrarium.
- The Library added new items to the **Library of Things** collection in early 2025, including snowshoes, a bike repair kit, a decodable pen and more.
- The Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Kinmount and Lindsay branches each hosted an adult **Vision board** program in January 2025. This event is part of the monthly **Craft & Connect** program and is the first of many special adult craft events planned for 2025 that will feature different mediums and skills.
- Kinmount Branch has launched a weekly **Adult Social Time** on Tuesday afternoons. Activities will include board games, crafts, trivia, guest speakers and more. Fenelon branch will start weekly Adult Social Times in February with more branches offering this type event over the course of 2025.
- Kawartha Lakes Public Library annual **Readers' Choice Awards** runs from November 30 – February 28th.
- Former Ontario MPP David Warner launched his memoir "**Against the Odds: The Life and Times of an Accidental Politician**" at Lindsay library branch. Mr. Warner served as an Ontario MPP for four terms through the late 1970s to the mid-1990s, making history as the first Speaker elected by his peers and the first NDP Speaker.

- Branches open on Friday January 31 hosted special PA Day events for school aged children.
- Local lawyer Hilary Angrove offered a free Wills and Estate Planning clinic on January 23 at Lindsay branch. Approximately 20 people attended this event to learn the basics of how to get their estate and will in order.

Outreach

- Library staff attended the **Christmas at Ken Reid** event. A holiday themed drop-in storytime was offered by staff. The Library also had a table with library resources and information available.
- Library staff attended the CKL Housing Christmas Party for tenants and their families at the Lindsay Armouries. Library staff provided a number of craft and activities for children and introduced parents and guardians to programs and services offered at the Library.
- Library staff took part in Santa Parades in Lindsay, Dunsford and Coboconk.
- Library staff attended Literacy Day events at Ridgewood Public School and St Dominic's Catholic School on Monday January 27.

Partnerships

- The Fenelon Falls Branch participated in that community's **Santa Day**. The Library offered a Christmas Craft and 366 people visited the branch.
- **CKL Waste Services** was at Lindsay branch on December 7 to provide information to the public on the upcoming Source Separated Organic curbside collection program.
- **Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Ontario Health Team** have attended Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Omemee, Fenelon Falls and Little Britain branches to conduct surveys on understanding the health needs of our community and boosting community involvement.

Promotion/Marketing

- The **Library Cart Naming contest** for our Canadian Public Library Month initiative had over 130 entries. Library carts at all library branches will receive name plates to show off their new names, courtesy of library patrons.

| KPIs for 2024 | | |
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| Branch Visits | Overall Circulation | Event Attendance |
| 197,257 | 391,299 | 54,466 |