

Board and Branch News

- A set of **semi-permanent story walk** frames were installed on the grounds of the Kinmount branch.
- Exterior renovation work at **Oakwood** and **Bethany** branches continues. Work should be completed in August.
- Work on Queen's Park outside **Lindsay** branch continues. Work is expected to be completed early September.

Programs, Outreach and Partnerships

Programs/Services

- **PA Day programming** finished for the 2025/26 school year with a total program participation of 621 people during last year's school year.
- The monthly **Craft and Connect** program for adults continues through summer.
- Summer **Teen/BeTween Subscription Box** registration quickly filled the 40 spots. Boxes and book recommendations were distributed in early July.
- For Pride month library branches offered a **Rainbow Wand** craft. An adult **Pride Reading Challenge** was also distributed.
- The **Get Ready for Kindergarten** activity for July is helping with packing lunches, and opening various containers. In August, children will focus on family routines and getting ready for their first day of school.
- Bobcaygeon, Lindsay and Fenelon Falls branches held the library's first **Connecting Seniors Community Resources** events. Various local organizations participated including Any Care Home Care, Bobcaygeon Chamber of Commerce, CKL Communications, Lakelands Public Health, Maple Leaf Dentistry, Ross Memorial Hospital and the New Canadians Centre. Library staff showcased the various programs, services and activities geared for seniors.
- Omemee held a **Rubber Ducky Duckering** program as part of the community's Ducktona celebration for Canada Day.
- **The Seed Library** at the Lindsay Branch has received an overwhelmingly positive response from the community since its launch. Interest was immediate, and all 90 available seed packets have now been *borrowed*.
- On June 13th the Lindsay branch hosted the award winning author **Susan Wadd**s for an engaging discussion about her debut novel, *What the Living Do*, and its journey from idea to publication.
- On June 13th the Bobcaygeon branch offered a special presentation to honour the village's **sesquicentennial** celebration. Library staff gave a presentation of our archive collections relevant to Bobcaygeon's history. The City's Archivist and

Heritage Development Officer also gave presentations on items found in their collections, discussing the ongoing work being done to preserve local history.

- **Fenelon Falls Quilting Group** are making wheelchair bags for several local nursing homes. The bags will be donated at the end of the summer.
- **Summer Reading Club 2026** registration opened on June 20th and registrant numbers have been steadily growing online and in-branch since then, with over 650 children registered by the third week of July.

Outreach

- In June, library staff attended the **BGC Family Gala**.
- Library staff are providing **pop-up story time** programs in parks and beaches across City of Kawartha Lakes in July and August. As well, staff are presenting a weekly pop up storytime programs at **CKL Beach Swimming Lesson** locations. Staff are also making a weekly visit to **CKL Parks and Rec Summer Camps** and offering a one-hour program.
- On July 11, library staff attended **Pride in the Park** at Victoria Park. Library programs were highlighted, as well as a rainbow wand craft and rainbow face painting available through the library's display booth.
- For the 2025/2026 school year, library staff made 22 class visits, with 551 participants.

Partnerships

- The Library partnered with **Bird Friendly Kawartha Lakes** to present the *Walk on the Wild Side: Swift Walk* program on June 4. The event introduced participants to the fascinating world of Chimney Swifts.
- In partnership with the **Writers Collective Canada (WCC)**, the library hosted *Preserving Your Story*. Attendees explored creative writing techniques while learning how to preserve their personal stories and family histories.
- **CKL Communications** have been attending various library events to promote various ways residents can engage with municipal affairs and information.

City

- The Library is working with CKL Records & Archives and Curatorial Services to transfer undocumented archival material to the City. Once moved, the items will be preserved, digitized and catalogued for public access.

KPIs to June 2026		
Branch Visits	Overall Circulation	Event Attendance
96,716	183,311	26,486