

Branch News

- The **municipal water fill station** for Fenelon Falls has been relocated from the Fire Hall to the Fenelon Falls Library Branch.
- Kawartha Bird Control has applied **bird-friendly window treatments** at the Bobcaygeon Library Branch and Service Centre. This film will reduce bird-strikes on the windows by about 90%.
- The Library has again applied for a **L.E.A.F. grant** through Commonwell Insurance. If successful, the funds will go towards the proposed Creativity and Memory Lab at the Lindsay Library Branch.

Programs, Outreach and Partnerships

Programs/Services

- Fall **teen subscription box** registration opened on Saturday, September 6. Registration quickly filled up for all 30 boxes as usual.
- All Library branches offered an **Orange Shirt Day** bookmark activity on Saturday, September 27th and branches that were open on Tuesday, September 30th (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation).
- The first **PA Day** of the school year was Friday, September 26. Special programs were available at all open branches. The same format was applied to **PA Day** held on October 24.
- **The Remembrance Day Scavenger Hunt**, created in partnership with the Lindsay Legion, will be available at all branches starting November 1.
- The CKL Heritage Development Officer presented an **OnLand workshop** at the Lindsay Reference department October 29.
- An adult **Craft and Connect** program started at Dalton branch in September. All library branches now offer this adult craft and social program with about 90 participants taking part each month.

Outreach

- Library staff conducted a library services and programs presentation in September for the **Community Care, Clinical Social Wellness group**.
- Library staff participated in the **Lindsay Downtown Fall Block Party** on Saturday, September 13.
- Library staff participated in the **Kawartha Lakes Wellness Fair** on Wednesday, September 24. A booth for the library was at this event, highlighting the services, resources, and programs available related to health and wellness. Items from our

active living collection, cognitive kits, community passes and health related physical and digital resources were highlighted.

- Four classes from **Dunsford District Elementary School** are making monthly visits to the Dunsford Library Branch during the 2025-2026 school year.
- Library staff participated in CKL Parks & Recreation's, **Boo in the Park** event. The Library provided a 30-minute *Halloween/spooky* themed story time, with a creative *creepy* craft to go along with the program.

Partnerships

- On Wednesday, September 17 an OPP Constable came to surprise the pre-schoolers at the Bethany Library Branch storytime.
- Bethany Story Time also had staff from **CKL Paramedic Services** attend as special guests on October 15. In addition to explaining different parts of their equipment, the paramedics showed kids around their ambulance.
- **Bird Friendly Kawartha Lakes**, through a grant from Retired Teachers of Ontario, has donated 5 sets of binoculars with a quick reference booklet on birds of Ontario to our Library of Things collection.
- Bobcaygeon and Lindsay Library branches hosted **Bird Friendly: Citizen Science Workshops**. The kids enjoyed using hand tools to craft suet log birdfeeders.
- Library staff presented on library resources at the **Researching Your Historic House** offered by CKL Heritage Development on September 24 in Omeme.
- Both **Lang Pioneer Village** (Keane) and the **Royal Ontario Museum** have provided the library with a community pass to their museums.
- **Harvest Haunt** with Impact 32 at the Bobcaygeon branch was very successful. The library offered an excellent mini library pumpkin, a scavenger hunt with themed sticker prizes, storytime and a Krafty Kids activity. The library was a pick up location for the community postcard.
- Members of the Lindsay Muskies hockey team attended storytime in Lindsay in October, with several players taking turns to read a book to the attendees.

Summer Reading Club 2025

- Another successful summer
 - 750 children signed up
 - Reading for 185,000 minutes during July and August
 - Over 1,400 events and programs, attended by over 9,500 people

KPIs to Sept 30 2025		
Branch Visits	Overall Circulation	Event Attendance
139,911	289,116	42,030