

Branch News

- The Kawartha Lakes Art Gallery has officially closed to the public and has begun packing for their move. The Gallery is currently targeting a move out sometime in September. The space will be the home of the new Creativity Lab.

Programs, Outreach and Partnerships

Programs/Services

- The Library offered special programming for Seniors' Month in June. Talks included fraud prevention with the KLPS and the Kawartha Lakes OPP, mental health talks with CMHA (Canadian Mental Health Association), and connecting to local wellness resources with the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Ontario Health Team.
- To mark **2025 Pride**, all branches offered pride-themed programs in June.
- Lindsay branch hosted a **Stuffed Animal Sleepover** on Thursday July 10. Patrons were invited to bring your favourite stuffed animal to storytime, and wear their pajamas. Stuffed animals then spent a magical night at the library and got up to all kinds of fun. Patrons were provided with a mini photo keepsake showing what the animals got up to, and a special book the animal picked out for their owner to read.
- By the end of July **725 children had registered** to be a part of the Summer Reading Club. This surpasses our 2023 total (723) which had been our best year.

Outreach

- Library staff hosted **class visits** from several schools in Lindsay, Dunsford, Woodville and Bobcaygeon.
- Library staff attended **Queen Victoria Public School's Get Ready for Kindergarten** event. Summer Reading Club brochures and *Get Ready to Read for Kindergarten* promotional materials were handed out at this event to over 20 families.
- Library staff spoke to over 400 students at elementary schools in Lindsay and Woodville regarding Summer Reading Club programming at the library.
- Library staff attended the **Community Health Fair at the Ross Memorial Hospital**. Information regarding our LGBTQ+ programming and resources were

highlighted at this event, as well as our active living items available to borrow for our Library of Things.

- Library staff attended **Community Day in Janetville** in June. A library booth was setup highlighting our summer programs, and summer reading club registration sign up.
- As part of the library's Summer Reading Club, library staff **host pop-up Storytime events at various City of Kawartha Lakes parks and beaches** such as Logie Park, Norland Bathing Park, Elgin Splash Pad, and Omemee Park.
- Library staff attended **Pride in the Park** on Saturday July 12.

Partnerships

- Partnerships with **Emily Provincial Park** and **Balsam Lake Provincial Park**, as well as the **Trent Severn Waterway** (Lindsay, Fenelon Falls, and Bobcaygeon Locks) allowed pop-up storytime programs to take place throughout the summer months at these community locations.
- The library is collaborating with **CKL Parks and Recreation** staff to present water safety programs to children, their parents and caregivers. Storytimes at Bobcaygeon and Lindsay branches will have CKL Life Guards reading books on water safety. The library distributed 300 **water-safety take home packs** in July. These packs, developed by CKL Parks and Rec staff, include various games, activities, guides and suggestions on water safety.
- Library staff met with **TLDSB** Superintendent Jay McJanet to discuss ways the library can support public schools in early literacy efforts. Library staff are currently developing a proposal that will see library staff attend public schools in Kawartha Lakes over the 2025-26 school year to provide a special **Introduction to the Library** program geared at students in JK to grade two.
- CKL Heritage Development Officer will present information sessions at Coboconk, Bethany and Lindsay branches over July and August on the City's new **heritage plaque program**
- The library offered a **Stroke Awareness workshop** in collaboration with Ross Memorial Hospital on July 18. Participants learned how to understand strokes - from risk factors and warning signs to prevention and recovery.

KPIs to June 30 2025		
Branch Visits	Overall Circulation	Event Attendance
92,211	188,449	23,134