Library Board Report



Library CEO's Abridged Report Thursday December 5, 2024

Branch News

- Jamie Anderson attended the grand opening of the Manvers Historical Society Museum and Designation Celebration for the Manvers Township Hall, which also houses the Bethany branch.
- Construction to the parking lot and land around **Dalton branch** is now complete.

Programs, Outreach and Partnerships

Programs/Services

- The Library offered a Poppy Pinwheel craft in honour of Remembrance Day.
 This craft was available at all branches on Saturday November 9 and at all branches regularly open on Monday November 11.
- Rainbow Families continues to bring community families together at Lindsay branch. A family from Oshawa travelled to participate in this event.
- November's Bad Art Night at Lindsay branch welcomed 13 artists to make selfportraits.
- The Library offered PA Day programming on Friday, November 22.
 - The Oreo Tasting at Lindsay branch.
 - Painting tutorial at Bobcaygeon
 - Stenciling workshop at Woodville
 - Dinosaur Dig at Omemee
 - Cardboard Castle building with Makedo tools at Fenelon Falls
- In partnership with the City's Heritage Officer, a free Historic Home Research Workshop was offered at the Fenelon Falls branch on November 23 with about 30 people attending the program.
- Forty sets of **12 Days of Christmas Book Bundles** requests have been fulfilled. This equals almost 500 circulations of the Library's juvenile Christmas books.
- In November, the **Fenelon Falls** Branch offered **Fall and Christmas Flower Arrangement Workshops**.
- Library staff have begun monthly craft programs featuring **Cricut** instruction at Kirkfield, Little Britain, Norland, Bethany, Coboconk and Fenelon Falls branches.

Outreach

- Library staff attended **King Albert Public School's Fall Fest** event. The Library had a table, with library resources, and services to engage with kids and answer questions from caregivers.
- On October 26th, outreach staff attended **Pumpkin Fest** at the *Edwin Binney Community Garden*, offering a drop-in storytime.

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- Staff presented to Community Care's Diner's Club and Adult Day Program
 attendees in Lindsay, Fenelon Falls, and Bobcaygeon. Attendees learned about
 library services and programs available to the community, along with volunteer
 opportunities and accessible service options at the Library.
- Outreach staff attended the **Kawartha Settler's Village Festival of Trees**. Staff read 5 holiday themed stories, connecting with over 200 families at this event.
- Outreach staff participated in the **2024 Lindsay Santa Clause Parade.** 200 library service pamphlets were given out along the parade route, along with a Kawartha Lakes Public Library branded sticker and candy canes.
- Library staff continue their **Outreach Care Home Book Exchanges** at William Place, Frost Manor, and Caressant Care in Lindsay and Case Manor and Aspira Retirement in Bobcaygeon on a monthly basis.
- **Story walk** titles at *Ken Reid Park* are switched out on a monthly basis. *Kawartha Settler's Village* also has a new title for the month of November and December.

Partnerships

- Story Time with the Lindsay Muskies was well attended.
- The **Lindsay Downtown BIA** connected with the library to arrange for a Story Walk in businesses along Kent Street. The story walk boards have been placed in various downtown store windows for the holiday season.
- In partnership with the City's Heritage Office, **Connect to Archaeology** information sessions will be offered branches over November and December.
- Fenelon Falls branch will be a popular activity stop for families during that community's **Santa Days** on November 30.

Promotion/Marketing

- The **Library Cart Naming contest** proved to be very popular, with over 130 entries. Library carts at all library branches will receive name plates to show off their new names, courtesy of library users.
- The winner of the **Librarian for a day** contest was a Lindsay patron who is thrilled to learn more about the inner workings of a library. The contest had over 30 entries.

KPIs to October 31		
Branch Visits	Overall Circulation	Event Attendance
167,553	331,787	45,214