



CEO – September 2024

Sector Updates

The Library Board Chair along with the Mayor will officially proclaim October National Public Library Month at a public decree at Town Hall on October 23, 12 p.m.

Ontario Public Library Week – October 20 – 26, 2024. A number of events and programs will be delivered in celebration.



Ontario Library Association (OLA)

New Fee Structure - effective immediately (September 1, 2024) changes to OLAs' membership fee structure. The new revised pricing model is intended to create a more balanced and supportive environment for all members. Impact to Orangeville is minimal.

Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL)

In response to the Federation's call to action, the four Chief Executive Officers of the riding libraries (Caledon, Orangeville, Grand Valley and Shelburne) met with Deputy Premiere and Minister of Health the Honourable Sylvia Jones.

We gathered as a touchpoint meeting where we reminded MPP Jones about the Ontario Digital Public Library (ODPL) and sought her support going into the next legislative session. The meeting also serves as a reminder that libraries with their boards are still here, and we are still passionate about our priorities for our sector. We have booked a tentative follow-up appointment with board members and the Minister.

Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA)

The CFLA-FCAB Board provides updates on their [website](#).

- Copyright Committee collaborated with Canadian Association of Research Libraries to develop a Copyright Code of Best Practice. Navigating Copyright for Crown-Published Works: A Code of Best Practices for Libraries is approved and available on the CFLA website.
- Intellectual Freedom Committee developed a Statement on the Intellectual Freedom Rights of Children. The statement is approved and will be available on the CFLA website once translated.
- Pre-Budget Submission to the Federal Government with recommendations regarding library funding priorities. This year's submission includes three recommendations:
 - Increase funding to public libraries to support them as an essential part of the social infrastructure of our communities
 - Increase investment in organizations that provide accessible reading services (CELA and NNELS)
 - Increase support for Indigenous libraries and Indigenous library workers

Staffing

The following services awards were celebrated on September 16, 2024.

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| 5 years | • Helen Wattam, Public Services Assistant |
| 10 years | • Lauren Tilly, Librarian, Program and Research • Michael Sobocan, Public Services Assistant |
| 15 years | • Brenda Coles, Public Services Assistant • Nicole Agar, Public Services Assistant |
| 20 years | • Stephanie Perrotta, Co-ordinator, Collections and Systems • Susan McCullough, Public Services Assistant |
| 25 years | • Lesley Cross, Public Services Assistant |
| 30 years | • Kathy Panet-Raymond, Co-ordinator, Public Services |

Two new Public Services Assistants - Berkley Black and Annie Ihnatowycz, have joined the library team. A recruitment process is currently underway for two student pages with a start date in October.

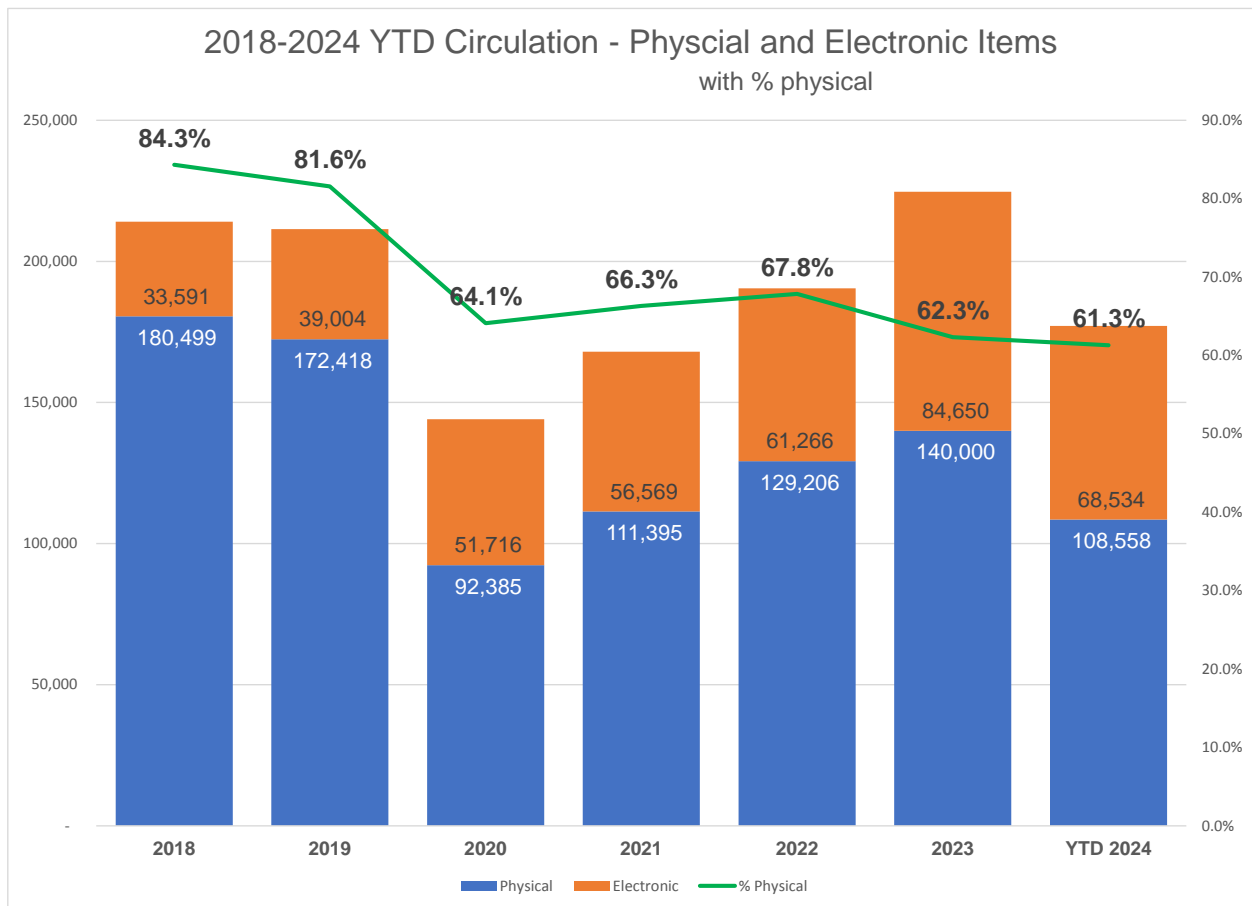
By the numbers...

Following the devastating drop in the Circulation of items through COVID, the library continues to experience incremental increases to the total number of items borrowed from the library. In 2023, total circulation was 10,000 items above the total in 2018.

Figure 1: Table of annual circulation by year and material type.

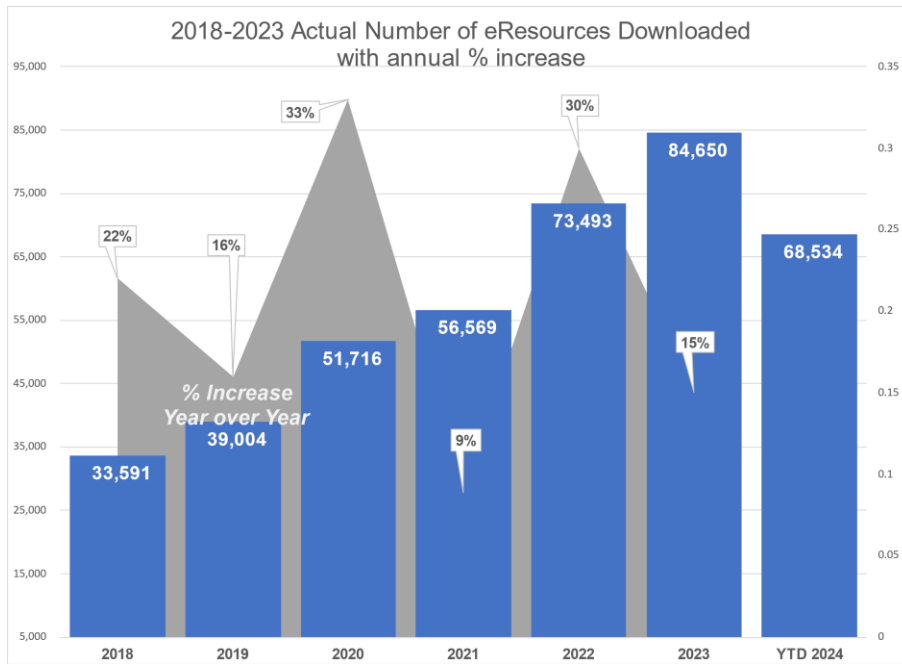
| Year | Physical | Electronic | Total |
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| 2018 | 180,499 | 33,591 | 214,090 |
| 2019 | 172,418 | 39,004 | 211,422 |
| 2020 | 92,385 | 51,716 | 144,101 |
| 2021 | 111,395 | 56,569 | 167,964 |
| 2022 | 129,206 | 61,266 | 190,472 |
| 2023 | 140,000 | 84,650 | 224,650 |

Figure 2: Graph depicting annual circulation by year and material type.



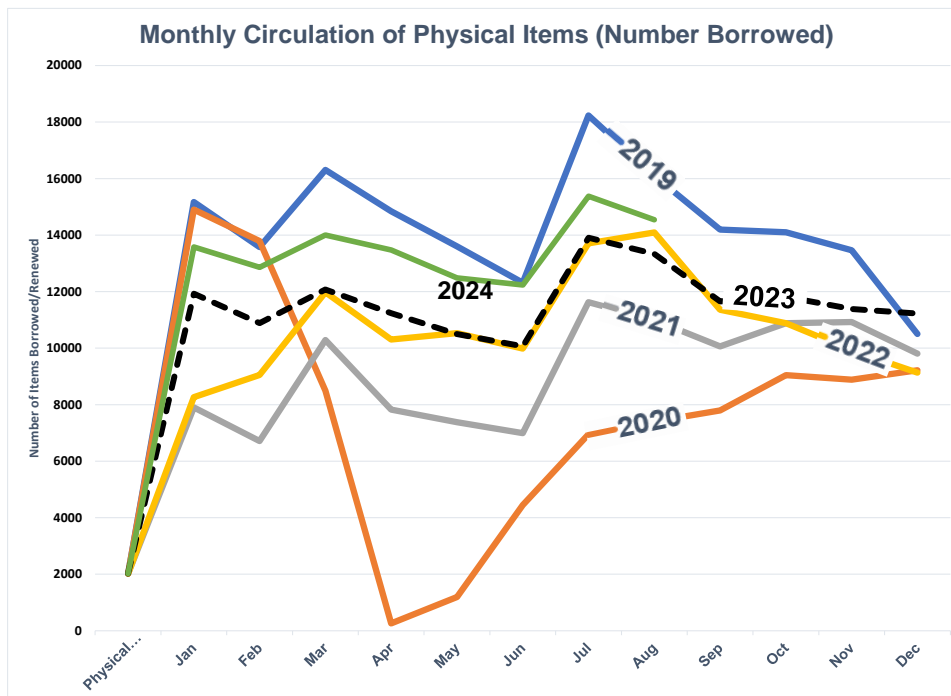
Note that this increase is driven by downloads of electronic items which have continuously increased annually over the past decade.

Figure 3: 2018-2024 Annual number of Downloads and the % increase year over year



As for physical we have yet to exceed the pre-pandemic numbers. Note: our two busiest months – March and July were the highest they have been in years however both months underperformed compared to 2019 by approximately 15%.

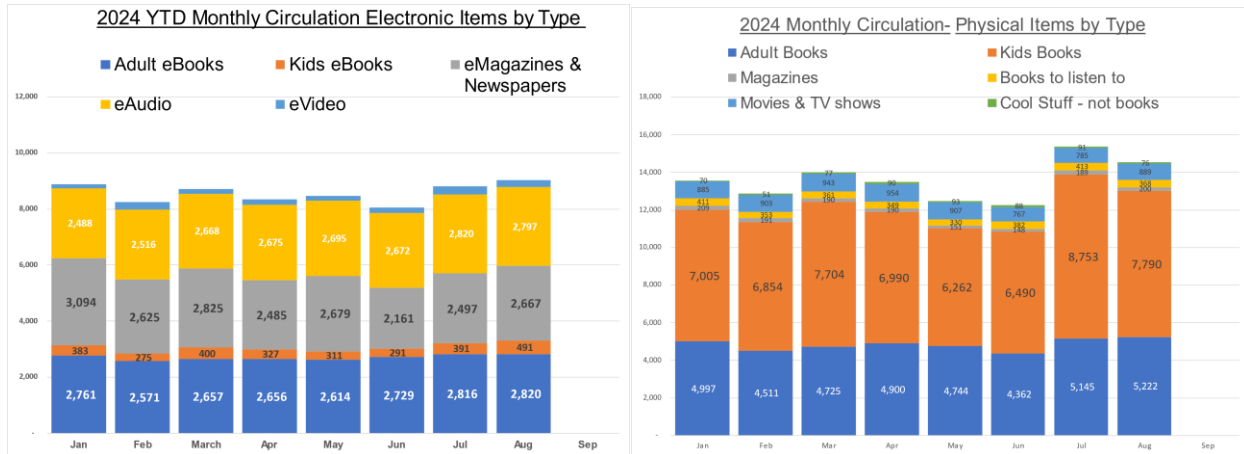
Figure 4: Line graph of monthly circulation of physical items.



Following a familiar pattern, the bar charts in figure 5 break down the monthly circulation electronic and physical by material type. The types and their assigned legend colours are identical. It is obvious the two different collections serve two different audiences.

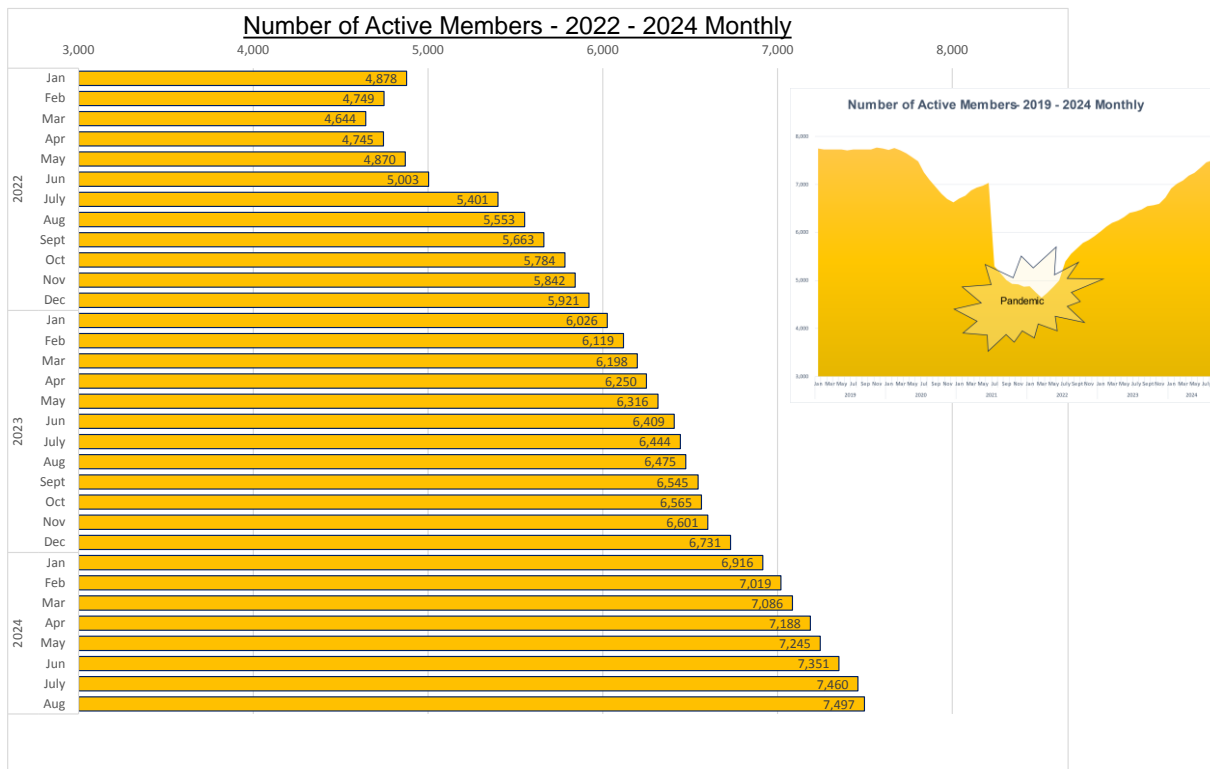
The majority of physical items borrowed are for children (Kids books), however, the electronic collection is driven largely by eAudio Books along with eNewspapers and eMagazines.

Figure 5: Monthly circulation electronic and physical by material type.



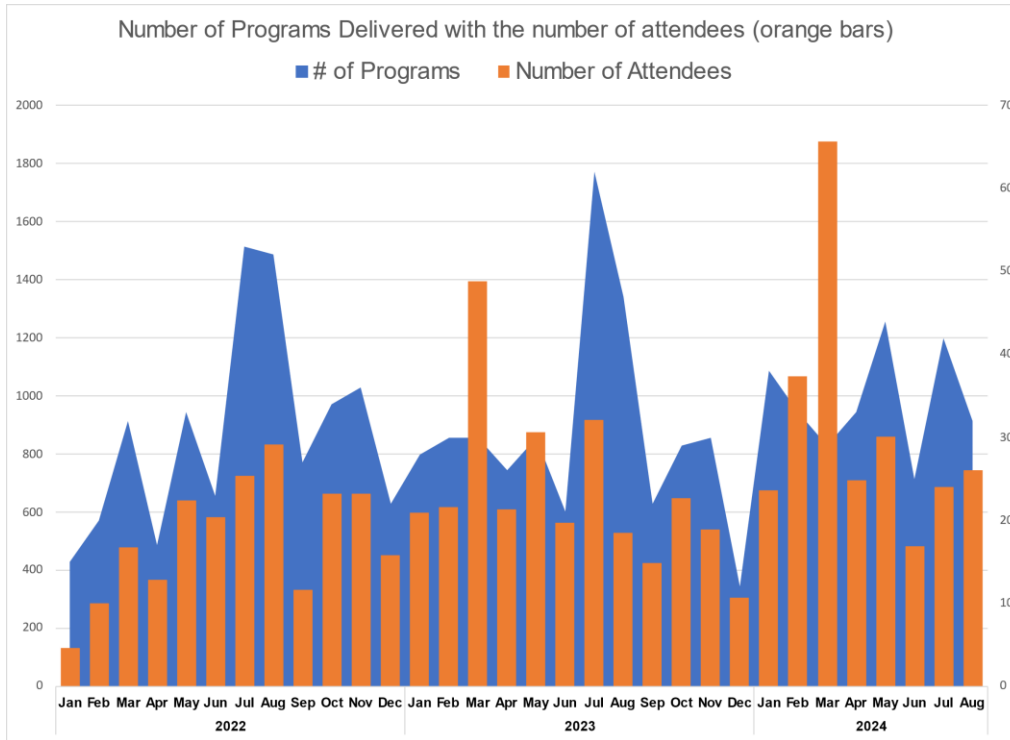
Number of Memberships have increased consistently month over month since March 2022.

Figure 6: Number of active members 2022 to 2024 (monthly).



New targets need to be set.

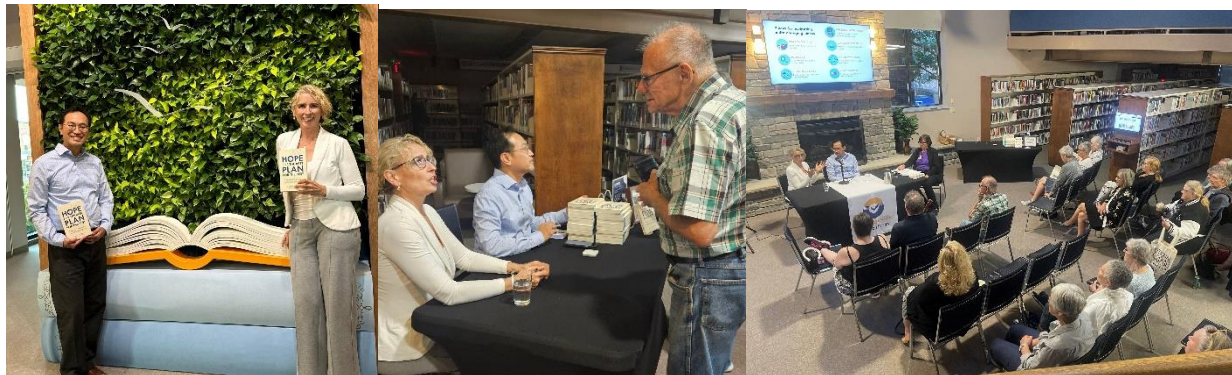
Figure 7: Number of programs delivered with the number of attendees 2022-2024



Program Update as submitted by Lauren Tilly



Over 350 people attended the Touch-a-Truck finale celebrating a great summer of TD Summer Reading on Saturday, August 24 at the Alder Street Recreation Centre. Prize winners were announced, and families enjoyed freezies as they got to explore and learn about a fire truck, police cruiser, junk disposal truck, sports car, lawn tractor, zamboni, snowplow and backhoe.



On September 5 the 100% Certainty Book Club and Experts in the Library Series came together to showcase authors Dr. Seow and Dr. Winemaker who shared their wisdom, compassion and hope as they spoke to their book “Hope for the Best, Plan for the Rest”. The event was extremely well attended.

The September Tales on the Trail book on display at the Island Lake Conservation Natural Playground is *The Orange Shirt Story* by Phyllis Webstad in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. The book will be on display there until October 3.





Celebrating International Dot Day with the Sunflower School in Storyland at the Mill Street library on Monday, September 16. Children were invited to make their mark in celebration of creativity, courage, and collaboration inspired by the book, *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds.



The Museum of Dufferin archival staff, Laura and Mary, came to the Alder Library for a Community Scanning Day. Makerspace Specialist Raghav Patel had a chance to interact with the public and showcase some of the library's new digitization equipment to get people excited about what is to come for the Makerspace.



Members of the Orange thREADs stitchery group made their annual donation of knit or crocheted hats, mittens and booties for the women and children in the mountainous region of Panama. Sylvia Bradley received the handmade with love items as member of the Club Rotario de Boquete for the Manchichi project whose mission is to reduce maternal and infant mortality by implementing an empowerment-based program.

Up and Coming

- [Queer Village Book Club](#) celebrated their 2-year anniversary at their meeting on September 19
- [After School Club](#) returns this fall on Monday, September 23 and will feature guest speaker Don Scallen, local naturalist and nature writer, who will talk about and introduce us to some of the critters that can be found right in your neighbourhood!
- The [Youth Social Justice Club](#) for ages 7 to 10 and 11 to 14 will return for an 8 week session starting Wednesday, October 2 running until November 20
- [Virtual Book Chats](#) for adult book lovers will continue into the fall: September 24, October 22, November 26, December 17 at 7 p.m. via Microsoft Teams
- Starting on October 4, Tales on the Trail at Island Lake will feature the library's first ever community led content featuring the "Young Artist Showcase" - a collection of poems and artwork created by our very own After School Club members with a culminating celebration taking place at Island Lake during the October 28 After School Club meeting – details to follow
- [Books and Loose Parts](#), a literacy and loose parts exploration program for children 6 and under and caregivers, done in partnership with the Sunflower School will continue October 9
- The [Teen Advisory Group's](#) next meeting will be Friday, October 11 at the Alder Library
- Coffee, Conversation and Books done in partnership with Dufferin libraries will take place next on Wednesday, October 16 in Shelburne featuring local author Mike Bonikowsky, with the December 18 date taking place in Orangeville at Mochaberry featuring local author Cynthia Young
- Save the date! Orangeville Library will screen a Spanish Language film (with English subtitles) on Friday, October 25 at the Mill Library to celebrate Hispanic Latin American Heritage month – details to follow
- In partnership with the Headwaters Writers' Guild, the library will host a [Spooky Open Mic](#) on Sunday, October 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Mill Library
- The November [Experts in the Library](#) series will feature an author showcase panel of crime writing specialists from the Crime Writers of Canada on Sunday, November 3
- Save the date! The annual Words the Orangeville Way (WOW) event returns on Saturday, November 30 in partnership with local independent bookstore BookLore and will feature local author Nicole Ross – details to follow