

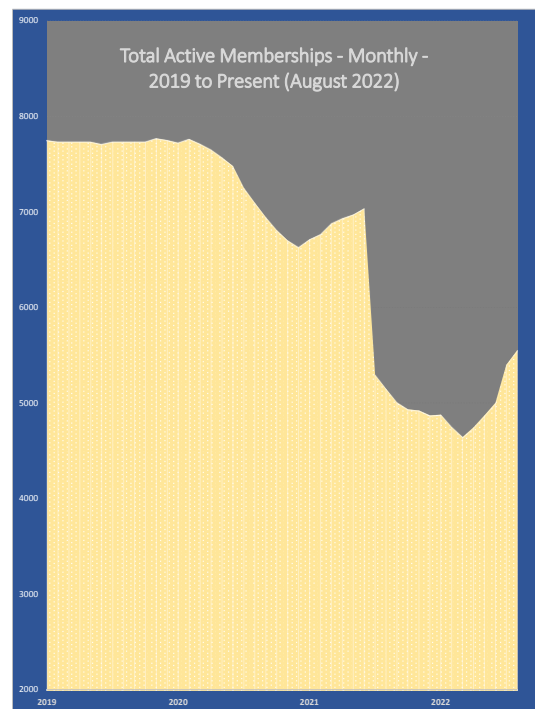
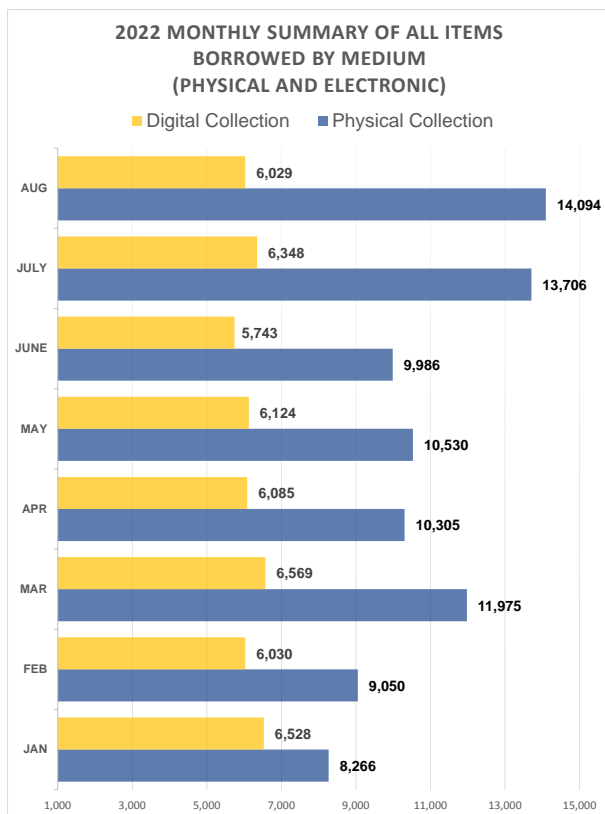


CEO Report – September 2022

Operations:

The Library Services Index indicates that the summer ended strong with increases to both memberships and circulation of physical items. Although the data indicated a slight drop in kids' books the increases in adult fiction and DVD loans, off set that decline.

Figure 1: 2022 Monthly Summary of all items borrowed by medium & Active memberships 2019 - Present



The employee service awards were held on September 19th and a number of library staff celebrated milestones (unfortunately not all were able to attend).

Congratulations to:

- Kimberly Carter – 5 years
- Erin Carlos – 5 years
- Cosette Pathak – 5 years
- Kathryn Creelman – 10 years
- Tanis Gadsden – 10 years

Post Provincial Election changes:

New minister and name change for the ministry:

- Hon. Neil Lumsden, Minister **Tourism, Culture and Sport** (Hamilton East – Stoney Creek)
- Nina Chiarelli, Deputy Minister
- Katherine Kelly Gatten, Assistant Deputy Minister

October is Canadian Library Month!

All month long, libraries and library partners across Canada are raising awareness of the valuable role libraries play in Canadians' lives. More than just a place to find books, libraries promote cultural awareness, engage in the community, provide educational programs, support freedom of expression and so much more.

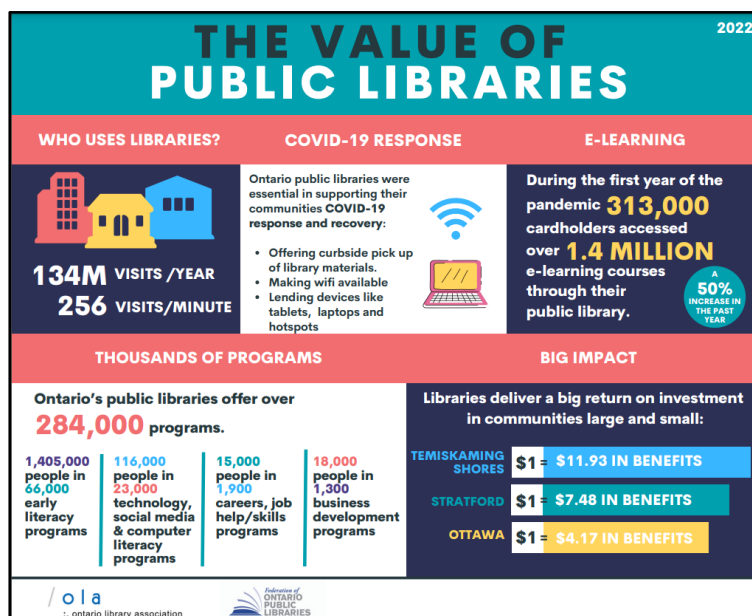
The third week of October is Ontario Public Library Week. For 2022, Ontario Public Library Week will take place from October 16 to October 22 and the theme is "One Card, One Million Possibilities."

The library will kick off the celebrations with an event on October 1 to launch the new branding and share the new strategic plan.

Federation of Ontario Public Library (FOPL) Update:

Current focus of FOPL's provincial advocacy:

- Seeking clarification of: Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022 (and would powers impact independent local public library boards?)
- School Libraries: school boards that are not fully utilizing library funding on library purposes are asked (by Ministry of Ed) to submit a multi-year plan highlighting their vision and next steps to address underspending in this area.
- Municipal elections – as part of their advocacy work the following infographics were shared earlier this month.



KEEP PUBLIC LIBRARIES



INDEPENDENT

Local Public Library Boards are comprised of local volunteers, both municipal council members and local community representatives.

Governed by the Public Libraries Act (PLA), they ensure that local public libraries provide a comprehensive and efficient public library services and respond to the community's needs.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARDS ARE:

LOCAL

Library Boards answer to the needs of the local community.

TRANSPARENT

Library board meetings must be open to the public.

ACCOUNTABLE

Each board member has a legal obligation to act honestly, in good faith, and in the best interests of the library.

THE VALUE OF LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Public Libraries are Ontario's farthest-reaching, most cost-effective public resource and community hubs.

Reaching 98% of Ontarians in hundreds of Ontario communities of all sizes, public libraries are local, close to home, and adapt to the priorities of the people and communities they serve.

Trained, frontline library staff are people focused, responding to these unique needs by developing, providing and offering:



EDUCATION & ENTERTAINMENT

Libraries provide **digital resources and e-books** to community members at home or in the library branch.



SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES & SENIORS

Libraries provide thousands of **no- and low-cost** programs, activities and supports for **young children, families and seniors** in the community.



CONNECTION

Libraries provide **equitable, reliable access to broadband internet** in underserved areas.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Libraries assist community members in upgrading their **skills, finding a job or launching a business**.



CREATION

Libraries offer **maker spaces** and **computer coding labs** to help children learn and help adults develop modern job skills.

Many library boards have taken an active role in advocating for libraries within their local municipality. Should the board members wish to engage in advocacy during the campaign period a strategy must be adopted and vetted to ensure all candidates receive the same information.

I was able to attend the Building Partnerships with First Nations Public Libraries session FOPL facilitated on September 14th, it was an informative program offering good advice as we look to build our relationship with Big Grassy River First Nations Public Library, Morson, Ontario.

Ontario Library Association (OLA):

[OLA Super Conference 2023: Walking in Two Worlds](#) (follow link for more information)

February 1-4, 2023. In response to popular demand the 2023 OLA Super Conference will offer both an in-person and digital experience. The in-person conference will take place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, in downtown Toronto. The boot camp offered to library board members will be delivered virtually on Saturday, February 4, 2023.

The theme this year speaks to walking in two worlds, knowing and not knowing, old and new, equity and diversity, truth and reconciliation which is where we find ourselves as we embrace for our next steps together. Details will be shared as they become available.

Child & Youth Services Expo (November 7) will be a virtual event again this year with Orangeville's own Shannon McGrady presenting on Social Justice Storytimes: The Power of Picture Books.

Ontario Library Consortium – Annual General Meeting:

The AGM was held as a hybrid meeting at the new Southfields branch of the Caledon Public Library. Orangeville CEO and Collection and Systems Librarian attended in person. Kim Carson has been asked to co-chair an advocacy committee dealing with vendors representing OLC as a collective – the reach of the consortium library systems is as large as systems like Edmonton and Ottawa.

The Poppy Project:

Approximately 1500 poppies have been hand made locally! Collection will continue into October. Community champion, Laura Austin, continues to keep this project on track. Discussions with public works continue as we develop a plan to affix the poppies to the clock tower prior to Remembrance Day.

Food Bank:

Unfortunately, this project has faced many delays. We remain committed to the partnership and will implement as soon as logistics are sorted.

Facilities:

Contract negotiations on the elevator replacement project are wrapping up and a construction schedule is expected in the next few weeks.

Program Update: (submitted by L. Tilly)

The **Teen Book Stash** service had a great uptake in the summer and continues to be popular this fall with new participants from the summer waitlist getting a chance to take part. Fifty percent of the Teen Book Stash users had never previously participated in a teen program with the library, and the Teen Advisory Group (**TAG**) gained four new members from their participation.

In August local author **Anthony Carnovale** facilitated a four-week writing group in the library called the **After Hours Write Club**. This successful program had great uptake and participants are enthusiastic to continue to meet regularly to write together, learn, and workshop ideas. Beginning in September, the After Hours Write Club will meet bi-weekly in the library on Tuesday evenings.



The **Check It Out Book Club**, a monthly book club for adults, continues to do well with a core group of participants and meets next on Wednesday, **September 28**.

The **Queer Village Book Club**, an 18+ book club for LGBTQ+ and allies, will launch on Thursday, **September 29** in partnership with a new community partner group, Queer Village. The book title for September is *The Change Room* by Karen Connelly.

On **September 30**, the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**, the Orangeville Library will provide a movie screening of *The Road Forward*. A musical documentary by Marie Clements, **The Road Forward** connects a pivotal moment in Canada's civil rights history – the beginnings of Indian Nationalism in the 1930s – with the powerful momentum of First Nations activism today. The community is invited to attend this screening to learn, and work towards reconciliation together.

Program and Research staff have been busy putting together the service showcase and event details for the **October 1** launch of the new brand and Strategic Plan at the Orangeville Public Library Open House.

Up and Coming:

- The fall season of children's weekly programs started September 19 and will run until the end of November
- Fall sessions of the **Tween Club** program (for ages 8 to 12) will take place Mondays: September 26, October 25, November 28
- The [100% Certainty Book Club](#) will meet next on December 1 for their last program of 2022
- The **Teen Advisory Group** meets next on Friday, October 14 at 4 p.m. at the Alder Library
- OPL will celebrate **Latin American Heritage Month** (October) and host community member Christie Lazo to read stories in Spanish at the Ready to Read Everyone storytime on Tuesday, October 11 and Thursday, October 12
- The fall edition of the **Teen Book Stash** (a subscription box like service for teens) will continue from September to November
- On October 19 the final [Coffee, Conversation & Books](#) event of the year will be held in Grand Valley featuring author Kelly Ann McKnight