

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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WOLLASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY IMAGINE. DISCOVER. CONNECT

LIBRARIES PROVIDE ACCESS

Libraries level the playing field. As great democratic institutions, they serve people of every age, income level, location, ethnicity, and physical ability, and provide the full range of information resources needed to live, learn, govern, and work.

Libraries are community hubs. They connect people to information and connect people to people. They are safe havens for kids, providing after-school homework help, games, and book clubs. They offer computer classes, allowing older adults to stay engaged in a digital world.

Libraries are committed to helping children and adults develop the skills needed to survive and thrive in a global information society. The ability to read and use computers are at the forefront of these skills.



LIBRARY SERVICES

- Information skills development - assisting users find relevant, accurate information quickly, through both print and electronic sources Reference centre.
- Maintaining up-to-date and accurate information on a wide range of subjects of interest to users in print and electronic formats Virtual/digital information.
- Using communications technology so users can connect virtually to the library, each other, their community, and a world of databases and cultural resources Career development and employment -
- Maintaining up-to-date reference materials on market trends and career opportunities Popular materials - materials in a variety of formats (eg. books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, Offering current high demand etc.)
- Support for small business and entrepreneurs - providing information to support local business, economic and workforce development Newcomers' adaptation to Canadian society
- Offering settlement support, accreditation and employment support, and ESL programs Government and community services.
- Facilitating access to information on services and programs of government and community agencies Pre-schoolers' door to learning - providing materials and programs for young children, which encourage an interest in literacy and learning support for formal education.
- Providing materials and programs that complement formal studies cultural heritage - maintaining and providing access to local historical collections.

LIBRARY SERVICES

- Average 192 in-person patron visits per month
- Overdrive usage increased from 183 to 188 per month
- Inter Library Loans increased from 18 to 27 per month
 - Average of 63 DVD's borrowed per month
 - 24-hour Free Wi-Fi Access
 - Two Computers for Patron Usage
- 449 Active Card Users – 63 New Memberships
- Office Services Include: Photocopying, Faxing, Printing, Scanning, Laminating
 - 39 Home Deliveries
 - 67 School Children have Library Cards
 - Increased Facebook Posts from 103 to 187
 - Increased Facebook Followers from 403 to 481
 - Vastly increased collection by 300 +
 - 14 programming days, summer and P.A days
 - 25 days of story walk

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORTS

- Held 20 Outdoor Reading Sessions for Coe Hill School Children
 - Had over 30 class visits from the grade ¾ class
- Assisted many patrons with a wide variety of printing, scanning and researching.
 - Promoted Laminating Hunting Tags
 - Assisted Patrons with Access to Employment Services
 - Assisted Patrons to apply for federal or provincial benefits
 - Assisted Families who are Home Schooling their children
- Promoted & Advertised GOOD FOOD BAGS program increased from 343 to 459
 - Distributed 49 Provincial Park Passes
- Participated in Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the Legion
 - Hosted many Book Sales
 - Books sales raised \$931



PROGRAMMING



We are very happy to have increased programming significantly this year. We held a total of 14 programming days for kids and offered so many great crafts in the library and to take home. Some of the crafts included fairy gardens, painting flower pots, picture frames, doing clay, chia pets, bead snakes, making turtles and so much more.

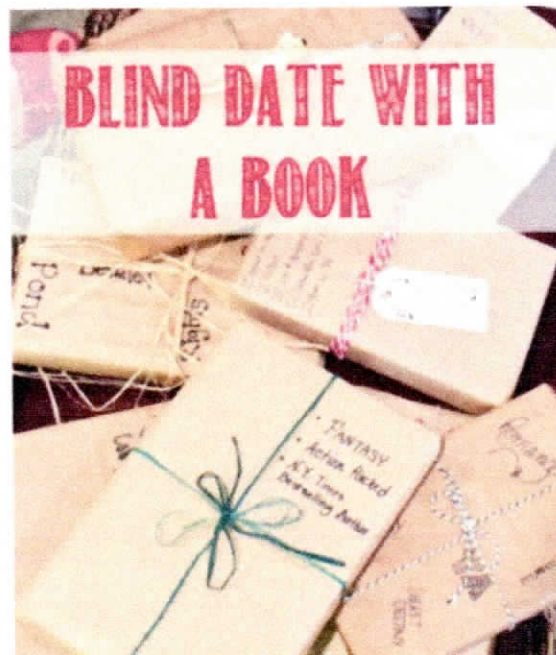


PROGRAMMING CONT'D

We also had use of the a Virtual Reality Gaming System,
which was so much fun for everyone



We continued the tradition of doing 'blind date with a book'
which was a huge success.



COMMUNITY

The Library would like to thank the many volunteers in the Community. The quality and reach of the Library services is enhanced every year with donations of time, skills, knowledge and funds.

Thank you to the friends of the Wollaston Library, who sponsored several resources available at the library including our book collections and the public access computers.

Thank you to the Library Board members, who volunteer extra time to fund-raise and manage the pop-up book sales.

Thank you to Red Eagle Family Campground who sold books though-out the summer for the library.

BOARD MEMBERS 2022

Roxane Lambert- Board Chair

Lynn Kruger

Traci Morrison

Robynn Ripley

Lawrence Wardroper

Jeff Swartman

GOVERNANCE ACHIEVEMENTS

The Library Board was able to finalize and update the outstanding policies and procedures that needed review. We have updated and finalized the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan .

We continue to be on par with the Pay Equity obligations to ensure compliance with legislative requirements.

OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you to the Township of Wollaston for including IT supports in our service agreement. This allowed the Library to continue the safety and security protection of the computers.