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WHY WE LOVE LIBRARIES

Libraries play a vital role in encouraging and promoting the process of learning and gaining knowledge. People who love reading can have access to a wide range of books and resources. Libraries provide educational resources to everyone. Reading improves social skills, knowledge, mental health, academic performance and offers numerous other benefits. Library is a common platform for people with diverse reading interests and capacities. People get an opportunity to learn and progress as per their interests and capabilities. Library is the best place to spend leisure time wisely that leads to the overall development and well-being of an individual.

Thus, libraries are important and have different uses for different individuals. Libraries cultivate reading habits and promote progress of knowledge. However library is a perfect place to indulge in the pleasure of reading and for researching. Nowadays, librarians provide complete assistance and guidance with researching and navigating information.

LIBRARY SERVICES

- Average of 210 patron visits a month
- 260 phone calls/ emails a month
- Over 2000 adult fiction books borrowed this year
- Over 800 DVD's borrowed this year
- Over 1000 overdrive books read a year
- 18 programming days
- 407 active memberships
- 54 Ontario parks passes used this year
- 500 Facebook followers
- 1265 website visits
- 36 home deliveries
- 2141 WI-FI connections
- over 40 classroom visits
- 20+ take and make programs
- over 170 computer logins
- over \$2000 raised in book sales

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

The Public Library is a primary resource for life-long learning, offering a window on the wider world by providing a wide range of relevant and timely materials. The library provides free access to all materials by all patrons regardless of age, race, religion, familial belief, gender or political affiliation. Some library materials may be controversial or offensive to some people.

To ensure ease of access for patrons across the library system, multiple copies of popular or useful titles and items dealing with sensitive topics are routinely included in the library collections. While the library supports self-directed learning, it does not collect materials that support solely the specific curriculum needs of formal educational classes.

The discretion in the choice of materials by adults rests with the individual; guidance in the choice of materials for children rests with their parent or guardian solely.



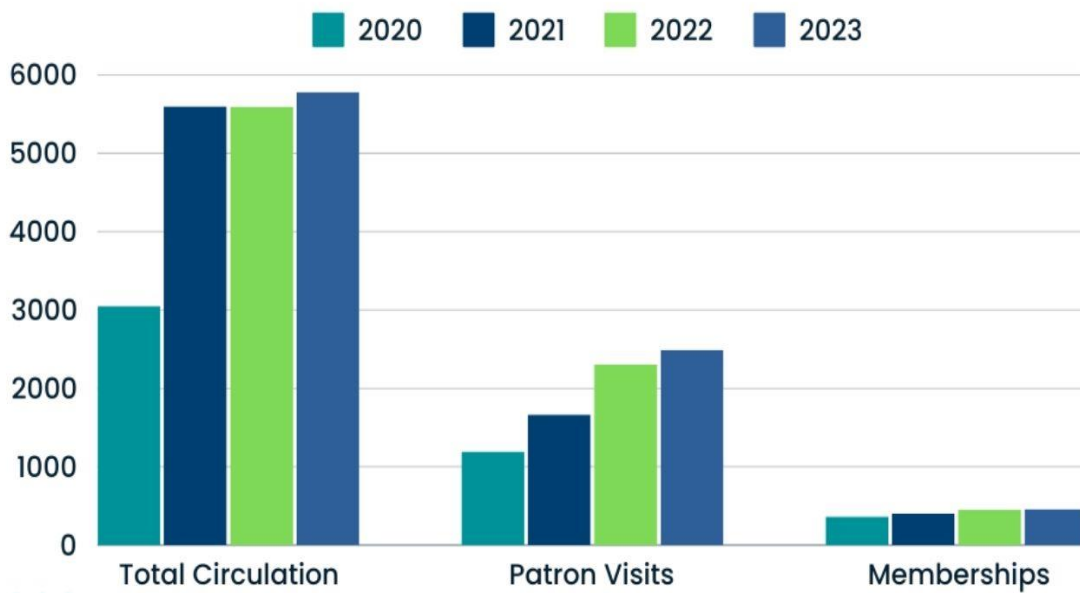
COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT CONT'D



In 2023 we focused on building our collections to reaffirm our strategic plan of having a more diverse collection of work. Adding and showcasing titles that we believe are important to represent all members of the community, is just a step in the process of making everyone feel welcome and represented. Adding more categories to the classification of books in our collection is just one way we strive to be a leader in our community. The Wollaston Public Library is somewhere people are free to be who they are. We are a safe space for everyone to feel welcome.



WPL STATS



THANK YOU

As always, we are very grateful for all the help we receive all year.

The Township of Wollaston for their continued financial support, the community for their patronage and donations of books and craft supplies. The Coe Hill School for allowing the Library to be part of the children's daily lives, Coe Hill ATV club for their donations and continued support with fundraisers and book sales. Bear Ridge, Red Eagle and the Coe Hill Legion for everything they do for the Library. Lastly I would like to thank the absolutely wonderful Wollaston Public Library Board Members, without them the Library would not be what it is today.



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