

# **Annual Report** 2022









We had another great year at the North Grenville Public Library. **So much happened.** Library usage approached pre-COVID-19 levels in most areas, and patrons came back not just for books, but also for the programs for all ages. Our collection grew, as we continued to make it more inclusive and to ensure that it meets the needs of our community. Our many amazing local and governmental partners helped us make the library a community cornerstone. The Library Board undertook a strategic planning update and reached the home stretch of a multi-year policy overhaul. Read on for some statistics and highlights of the year.



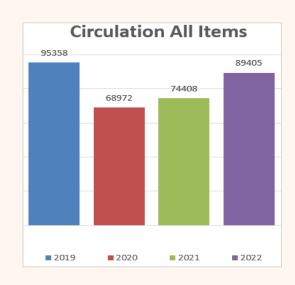




### **Usage and Collection Statistics**

- 5935 Active memberships
- 631 New memberships
- 89,405 Items circulated
- 3487 Children's program attendances
- 4056 Adult, teen & all ages program attendances
- 47,799 Library visits
- 43,380 Items in the library; many new French additions
- ~100K e-Books available through shared platforms



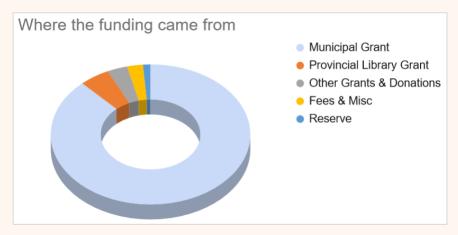


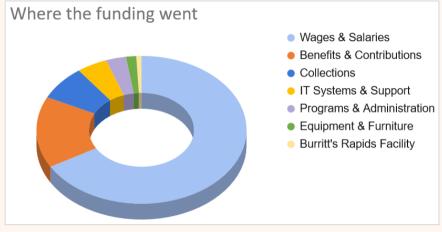
#### Information Technology (IT) platforms

- New BiblioCommons catalogue was launched in early 2022, with new features
- Staff worked hard on a refreshed website, for launch in early 2023
- IT security was further strengthened, with more robust back-ups

#### **Revenues and Expenditures**

Library operational expenditures closely approached their budgeted totals. With surpluses in the preceding three years, some reserve was included as part of the 2022 budget. We were able to reduce the amount of reserve needed as we came in below our projected expenditures. The budgeted amounts for revenue and expenditures in 2022 was \$556,837.00; final preaudit number for expenditures is \$554,797.73.





#### **Program and Service Highlights**

- Community-led cost-free programs run by amazing volunteers, including art classes, writers circle, knitters, quilters, seniors' group and more
- Sam's Fishing Derby and Pride Storytime
- Great summer reading and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programming
- 2022 International Plowing Match Library Zone with Leeds and Grenville partner libraries
- Downtown events attracted hundreds to the library for family activities
- Exciting new items in the collections, including ukuleles, radon detectors, Wifi sticks and puzzles for kids
- Popular NGPL Book Club + we supported nine community book clubs
- Computers, Internet access, printing and IT support for those who need it most















### Where do our grants come from?

The Municipality of North Grenville provides a major part of our funding and supports us in many other ways, for which we are grateful. We also receive the Public Libraries Operating Grant from the Province of Ontario and funding for our summer student from the Government of Canada. This year, we received additional funding from the Province for summer staffing. As well, we received reimbursement grants for connectivity and interlibrary loan postage from the ever-supportive Ontario Library Service.

We also are grateful for the donations from our generous community members. Our fundraising for Sam's Book Collection, in memory of Sam Tobias, was particularly successful in 2022.



#### **Staffing and Partners**

- We had some staffing changes in 2022, with a few valued long-time staff members moving on; fortunately, this was balanced by some great new staff coming on board.
- We continued to collaborate with our French school boards, CEPEO and CECCE, to offer inlibrary programming and expand our French collection. Through an annual agreement, CEPEO provides funding for staff hours and book purchases, and in 2022, CECCE donated well over 500 new books.
- Our Friends of the Library group provided funds for special collection purchases, as well as hosting arts and literacy events for the community.
- We have many other partners and supporters to thank, including Old Town Kemptville BIA, NG Arts Guild, Victims Services Leeds and Grenville, Beth Donovan Hospice, Community Living North Grenville, TD Summer Reading Program, EarlyON Leeds and Grenville, NG Times, Kemptville Advance, My Kemptville Now, NG Chamber of Commerce, CELA, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ontario Provincial Parks, Parks Canada, National Gallery, Ingenium Museums, Canadian Museum of History, Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa Museum Network and National Capital Commission.

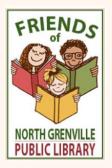












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