



2022 Annual Report

Explore. Connect. Learn.



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Perth**
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As the West Perth community emerged from two years of pandemic restrictions in 2022, the Library was delighted to:

- host many new and exciting programs for all ages;
- create ongoing partnerships with a number of local businesses and organizations;
- introduce community passes, adult activity kits, STEAM activities, and a Seed Library;
- offer exam proctoring, home delivery, and immigrant settlement services.



Quick Facts for 2022

- 3972 library cardholders
- 16 564 in-person visits
- 4162 reference questions
- 3248 attendees in 306 programs
- 28 community partners
- 53 904 physical materials
- 50 934 borrowed items
- 5133 computer and wifi users
- 12 150 digital downloads
- 35 529 website visits
- 194 324 likes, shares, and followers on social media



Financial Summary for 2022

Revenues

Municipality of West Perth \$332 950

Province of Ontario \$20 327

Other Revenue \$8100

Total Revenue \$361 377



Down 1.3% from 2021

Expenditures

Library Materials \$74 500

Capital Projects and Technology \$42 800

Staffing and Training \$248 075

Facility and Utilities \$29 954

Administration and Supplies \$10 649

Total Expenditures \$405 976



Up 27.5% from 2021

A Message from the Library Board Chair

Despite 2022 starting with another round of pandemic measures, forcing the closure of so many places and programs integral to our community, our local library was able to keep “socially distant” connections with our fellow community members. Though there were times when we were not able to connect with everyone as we would have hoped, we saw a return of many of the programs we enjoyed before the pandemic health measures started. Our Summer Reading Program, LEGO Lounge, Youth role-playing games, homeschooling group, Paper Bag Princess Parade, Crafters Circle, and Book Clubs, were all just some of the programs that bloomed in 2022. We even had the opportunity to share books with the goats and pigs, through our Read to the Animals program, which was also well attended and enjoyed by the human members of our community. We saw members of our community continue to enjoy our digital resources as well as a return to the number of physical check-outs that we saw before 2020. We look forward to strengthening the connection we’ve made with many groups outside the walls of our library to promote literacy and the lifelong love of reading and learning to everyone in our community in 2023.

--Jesse Britton

2022 Library Board members

Jesse Britton (Chair)

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