



West
Perth
PUBLIC LIBRARY

2024 Annual Report

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Message from the Board Chair

Last year the Town of Mitchell celebrated their 150th anniversary and the Municipality of West Perth celebrated their 25th year of amalgamation. It's important to celebrate the "milestone" anniversaries, which are important, but we shouldn't under-appreciate the daily anniversaries. Every day when our Library is a welcoming space, where everyone can explore, connect, and learn, we should celebrate! Because each of those days turn into weeks, that turn into years. Back when the Mitchell Mechanics Institute started their library in 1854, I doubt they could have imagined the library today, with its multiple platforms, global connections, programming for all ages and support to the community. We welcome everyone to our library to let your ideas thrive, today, tomorrow and hopefully for many years, decades and centuries to come.

2024 Library Board

Jesse Britton - Chair
Andrew Fournier - Councilor
Anne Melady
Annamarie Murray
Kelly Reimer
Allison Schultz
Jacqueline Timmermans
Kim Wolf - Vice Chair

**At West Perth Public Library,
everything we do is for our
community...**



Our Organizational Values

Accessibility, Welcoming,
Community, Fun, Discovery

Our Mission

West Perth Public
Library is a welcoming
space where everyone
can explore, connect,
and learn.



Our Vision

West Perth Public Library
welcomes everyone to let ideas
thrive.





Our Priorities

Program/Event
attendance
6655. Up 16%
from 2023

Computer and
wifi use 9253.
Up 3% from
2023

**IMPROVE AND
INCREASE
collections,
programs and tech**

Digital
downloads 18
126. Up 18%
from 2023

Checkouts
54 715. Up
2% from
2023

Community
partnerships
58. Up 12%
from 2023

Community
Passes to local
venues

Library
volunteer
hours 617. Up
399% since
2023

**SUPPORT
volunteerism and
community engagement**

Mitchell 150
family-friendly
activities

Family Day's
'Celebrate
Family' annual
event

Monthly
Service
Canada
visits

Monthly
Blood
Pressure
Clinics

Monthly
Employment
Help

Weekly Adult
Fitness
classes

**CONNECT
the community**

Monthly
Settlement
Services

Year-
round
Free Tax
Clinics

Weekly Pre-
School
Playdates

Monthly
Book Clubs

Updated
Policies and
Procedures

Grants and
Donations
\$12 800

PCIN
Membership
and joint
initiatives

**SUSTAIN
the Library's
assets**

Ongoing
Safety
Upgrades

New PCIN
Strategic
Plan

In-person visits

23 490

Up 6% from 2023

Active cardholders

1488

Up 8% from 2023

Website views

67 742

Up 31% from 2023

Social Media reach

261 245

Up 75% from 2023