

## LIBRARY VISITS + MEMBERSHIPS



# 186,119

to The Library and Adult  
Learning Centre



## ROOM BOOKINGS

# 600

## PROGRAMS

# 548

## PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

# 15,947



The Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library is a vital resource and hub in our local community. It has been my pleasure to serve as Board Chair during 2024. I'd like to thank the Townships of Chatsworth and Georgian Bluffs and the City of Owen Sound for believing in the continued value of our wonderful "union" library and supporting us.

In 2024, the numbers for our programs, visits, and circulation continued to improve. The library offered new programs, resources and services to meet the needs of our local citizens.

The staff and Board were busy moving the library forward and ensuring that we could be as responsive as possible to community needs. With a small staff component, the library provides an amazing breadth of programming and services. Looking at our year's highlights, it is astounding how much we accomplished.

I extend thanks to our municipal partners, board members, community donors and our professional staff for their support, commitment and service.

I thank you for understanding the value of the library, knowing how important it is for you, your friends and neighbours and the community as a whole. The Board is honoured to work on your behalf, to ensure the long-term viability of our wonderful library.

Richard Thomas

# the library BOARD & MANAGEMENT

Richard Thomas, Chair - Owen Sound Representative

Rosemary Buchanan, Vice-Chair - Georgian Bluffs Representative

Elizabeth Thompson, Chair of Finance - Chatsworth Councillor

David Adair, Owen Sound Representative

Deborah Eaton, Owen Sound Representative

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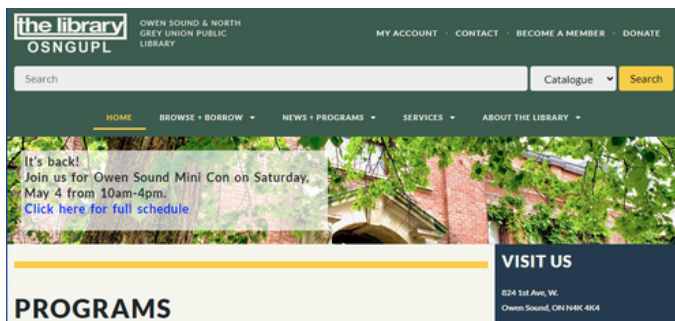
Lindsey Harris, Administration and Facilities Manager

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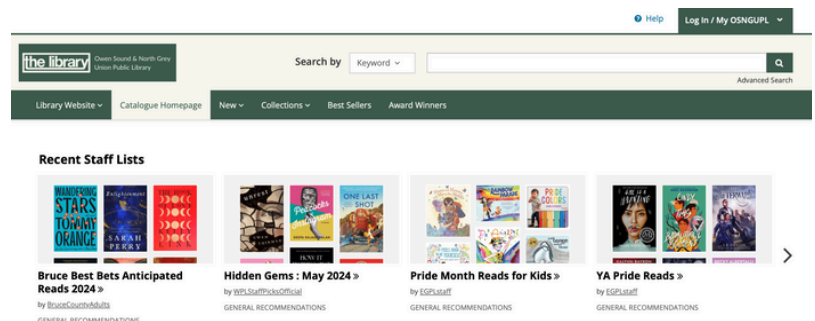
**VISION:** The Library respects its legacy, cultivates future opportunities,  
enriches community life and inspires personal growth

**MISSION:** Building generations of readers

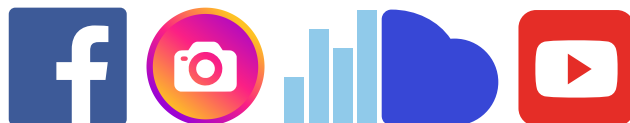
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During 2024, the library hosted / partnered or participated in many local events including:

Art Banner Project / ArtWalk / Author Visits / Canada Day Festivities /  
 Chamber of Commerce Seniors Trade Fair / Community Volunteer Fair / Earth Day /  
 Family Literacy Day / Grey County Reads / Grey Bruce Pride Parade /  
 Grey Bruce Youth Film Festival / Hottest Street Sale / Keystone Pride Celebration /  
 Library Book Sale (monthly) / Local Author Book Fair / Lunar New Year Celebrations /  
 March Break Programs / Native Seeds Initiative / New Year's Eve @ The Julie McArthur  
 Recreation Centre / One World Festival / Owen Sound Camera Show /  
 Owen Sound Memoir Series / Owen Sound Mini Con - OSMiCon / Seedy Saturday /  
 Story Walk / Summerfolk / TD Summer Reading / Waterfront Festival /  
 Wellness Walk About / Wordshop

## 2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### Revenues

City of Owen Sound	<b>\$1,043,587</b>
Township of Chatsworth	<b>\$168,416</b>
Township of Georgian Bluffs	<b>\$399,972</b>
Meaford Public Library	<b>\$152,474</b>
Federal Support	<b>\$7,060</b>
Provincial Support	<b>\$75,980</b>
Library Revenues	<b>\$190,834</b>
Donations	<b>\$7,939</b>
<b>TOTAL Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,064,699</b>

### Expenses

Staffing	<b>\$1,665,109</b>
Collections	<b>\$183,586</b>
Operations	<b>\$254,621</b>
Special Projects	<b>\$39,823</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,143,139</b>
<b>Net Operating Expenses</b>	<b>-\$96,877</b>
<b>Contributions from reserves</b>	<b>\$97,343</b>
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>\$466</b>

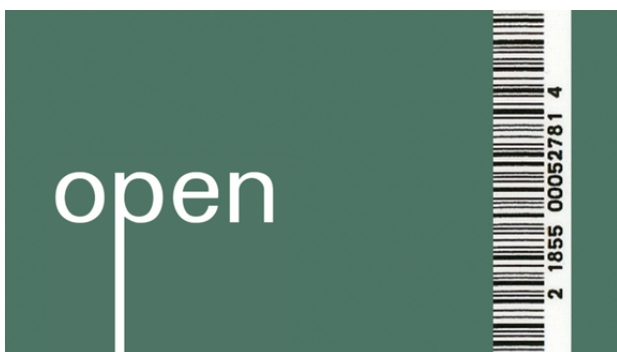
The Library partnered with the Georgian Bluffs Climate Action Group to host the Repair Café. We worked with our OPEN Card partners on planning the pollinator habitat projects for all four community sites. We welcomed Rebecca Diem as our 2024-25 Poet Laureate. We launched our community kiosk project and placed book vending machines in the community centres in Keady and Shallow Lake. We initiated the Local Author Book Fair and continued to grow and develop our annual Owen Sound Mini Con - OSMiCon. We updated our Collection Development Plan and expanded our Library of Things collection.

## AUTHOR VISITS

During 2024, the library had over 50 author visits including our Local Authors Book Fair. We thank Arlen Wiebe for bringing the *Owen Sound Memoir Series* to the Library.

Bailey Baldassari, Ryan Ball, Brian Barrie, Joan Beecroft, Lauren Best, Sylvia Bucek, Lyn Carlson, David Carreira, Norma Collis, Daniel Allen Cox, Greg Dandeneau, Anne Darling, Rebecca Diem, Conchita Easton, Cynthia Elliott Everest, Diane Ferguson, Lydia Foch, Jennifer Frankum, Amberley Gardhouse, Islay Graham, Diana Griffin, Ali Hassan, Ember Hennig, Paula Hiscox, Michael Holden, Valerie Jerome, Jiya Kukreja, Dorothy Ladd, Gwen Lamont, Andree Levie-Warrilow, Jana Lewis, D.A. Lockhart, Elly Mackay, Cindy Matthews, Barbara McLean, Tony Miller, Owen Sound Field Naturalists, Jenna M. Prestige, Lynda Pilon, Lynne Porter, Elizabeth Retter, Tracey Richardson, Rob Ritchie, Richard-Yves Sitoski, Richard Thomas, Cam Scholey, Suzanne Sloan, Catherine Swartz, Emelia Symington-Fedy, Jesse Wilkinson, Paul White, John Wright, and Raquell Yang

There were 34 virtual author visits including Christopher Paolini, and Kate DiCamillo available through <https://libraryc.org/osngupllibrary>.



We extend sincere thanks to all of the volunteers that help with our Adult Learning Centres, Library-To-Go Program, Monthly Book Sales, Repair Café, Teen Advisory Group and other tasks. We thank everyone who contributes / donates to the library to support the many resources, services and programs that we offer. Thank you for believing in the library and helping our community!

## KIDS PROGRAMS

3D Printing / Activity Buffet / Alien Invasion: Papier Mache / Astronaut Training / Babytime / Beat the Heat Video Games / Billy Bishop Museum / Bluey Bonanza / Cardboard Constructors / Cosmic Dance Party / Creative Kids Craft / Creative Movement / Discovering Dinosaurs / DIY Aliens / DIY Jewelry / Environmental Art / Galaxy Art / Game On! / LEGO Building Bee / LEGO Building Competition / LEGO Club / LEGO Marble Madness / Magic of Scott Dietrich / Makedo Spaceships / Marine & Rail Museum / Minute to Win It / Paint-a-Palooza / Paws for Stories / Peppa Pig Party / Poet Tree Poem Writing / Reading Buddies Launch / Scavenger Hunts / Scienstational Sssnakes! / Scientists in School - Shoot Score Science and More / Scientists in School - Science Snippets / Sculpting / Shadow Puppets / Star Wars Escape Room / Storytime / Summer Reading Launch / Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party / Taylor Swift / Tech it Out Tuesdays / Tech Petting Zoo / Terrific Textiles / Tom Thomson Art Gallery / Valentines for Veterans

## TEEN PROGRAMS

Cosplay Competition / Dungeon & Dragons / Fandom Crafting Fun / Get Crafty - Embroidery / Get Crafty - Needle felting / Grey Bruce Youth Film Festival / K-Pop Club / Reading Buddies Volunteers / Star Wars Escape Room / Taylor Swift / Teen Advisory Group / Teen Murder Mystery / Teen Writing Group / Video Game Tournament / What's K-Poppin' / Write @ Your Library / Youth Social Justice Group



A Star named Sol / Afternoon @ Movies / Alzheimers Talk / Andrea Donaldson Talk / Bikeface Workshop / Blind Date with a Book / 5 Book Clubs (Booked 4 Tuesday, Page Turners, Spring Cleaning, True Crime, Young @ Heart) / Chair Yoga for Seniors / Chess Club / CNIB Mobile Hub / Co-Housing Co-operatives Co-living and Life Leases / Monthly Community Art Exhibits / Connections Poetry / Creation Stations / Creative Bug Make & Take / Dementia-Friendly Community Talk / Eclipse and Aurora Spectacular / Elder Law Series / Fiction Writing with Rob Ritchie / Fire Safety / Gardener in Residence / GP Writing Group / Halloween Blind Date with a Book / Health Literacy / Holiday Crafts / Scanner pens & Envoy / Kanopy / Learn about your eReader / Lego Design Workshop with Christy Hempel / Let's Critique / Let's Get Published / Library Taskmaster / Make & Take / Master Gardeners in Residence / Memories of Guatemala / Mid-Week Music / Moons of Halloween / Murder Mystery / Online Resources / OSNGUPL Ukes / Paper Folding / Poet Laureate Night / Pop Up Museum / Puzzle & Game Swap n Share / Seedy Saturday / Stitch it Together / Summer Reading Challenge / Taylor Swift Program / Tech Byte / The Lights Called Aurora and Steve / Top 10 Astronomy and Space Facts / Walk & Talk Books / Winter Reading Bingo / Writing Prompts /

## RESOURCES

<https://www.osngupl.ca/browse-borrow/online-resources/>

Our library members can access our virtual library 24-7. During 2024, we made more online resources available to our community.





**31,233** information questions answered

## CIRCULATION STATS

336,695 materials circulated



**153,843**



**23,277**



**3,272**



**4,203**



**2,608**



**149,492**

## Savings to Local Residents

**\$5,033,652**

(Value of Physical Items Borrowed in 2024)

## TECH USAGE & HELP



WIFI Connections

**42,507**



Public Access  
Computer Use

**7,875**



Tech Help in Minutes

**19,842**



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