

the library

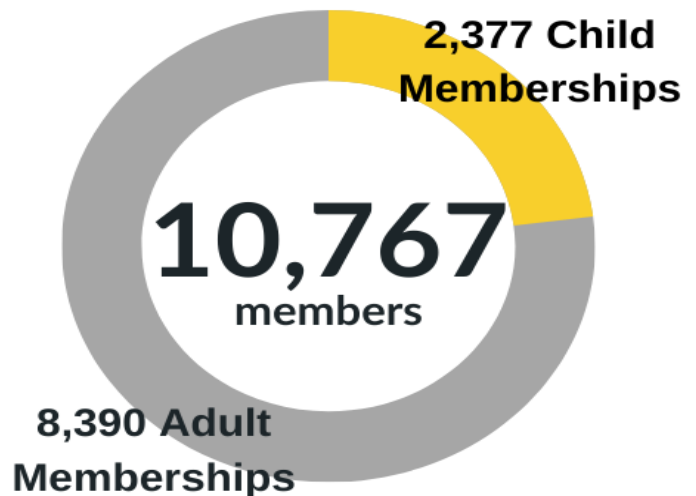
ANNUAL REPORT 2023

LIBRARY VISITS + MEMBERSHIPS



176,540

to The Library and
Adult Learning Centre



PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

451 room bookings **441** programs

12,903 attendees



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 2023. 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.

This year, we signed a new service agreement with the Meaford Public Library Board and we are thankful for this partnership which ensures that their members can have library memberships here too.

2023 saw the library on the road back from the difficult and challenging pandemic times. Our programs, visits, and circulation rebounded. 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 was accomplished in a single year.

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
Frank Emptage, Meaford Public Library Board Member
Marion Koepke, Owen Sound Councillor
Nancy Shaw, Owen Sound Representative
Ryan Thompson, Georgian Bluffs Councillor
Tim Nicholls Harrison, CEO/Chief Librarian
Nadia Danyluk, Deputy Chief Librarian
Lindsey Harris, Administration and Facilities Manager
Dale Albrecht, Technical Services Manager

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

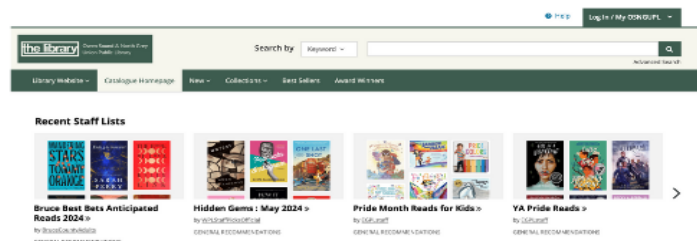
MISSION: Building generations of readers

OSNGUPL ONLINE



Website

www.osngupl.ca



Catalog

www.osngupl.bibliocommons.ca



www.facebook.com/OSNGUPL

www.instagram.com/OSNGUPL

<https://soundcloud.com/osngupl>

www.youtube.com/channel/UCEn3elUMN6jo-fOZLsCj1Yg

During 2023, the library hosted / partnered or participated in many local events including:

Art Banner Project / Art Walk / Author Visits / Canada Day Festivities / Drag Story Time / Earth Day / Family Literacy Day / Georgian Bay Explorer Evening / Grey County Reads / Grey Bruce Youth Film Festival / Hockey Writing in Canada / Learning with Lego with Christine Hempel / Library Book Sale (monthly) / Lunar New Year Celebrations / March Break Programs / Native Seeds Initiative / Oh Sound Poetry Series / One World Festival / Owen Sound Camera Show / Owen Sound Mini Con / Pollinator Symposium / River District Blooms / Seedy Saturday / Story Walk / TD Summer Reading / Wellness Walk About / Words Aloud Festival / Wordshop

2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Revenues

Municipal Support	\$1,694,133
Provincial Support	\$75,980
Federal Support	\$10,612
Other Grants	\$12,000
Library Revenues	\$172,638
Donations	\$26,091
	<u>\$1,991,454</u>

Expenses

Staffing	\$1,541,915
Collections	\$193,085
Operations	\$313,275
Special Projects	\$41,371
	<u>\$2,089,646</u>
Net Operating Expenses (for the Year)	\$-98,192
Contributions from Reserves	<u>\$98,963</u>
Operating Surplus (for the Year)	\$771

During 2023, the library held the following 35 author visits including our Hockey Writing in Canada series, the Poet Laureate's Oh Sound Series, Wordshop and Words Aloud:

Anne Marie Carson / Barry Dempster / Cathy Hird / Brandon Wint / D.A. Lockhart / David Carreira / David Sereda / Dorothy Ladd / Elly MacKay / Eric Zweig / Gail Gallant / Ian Cognito / Janet Iles / Jillian Morris / Joan Beecroft / John Wright / Jonathon Jackson / Kari Bronaugh / Kim Fahner / Lauren Best / Mariella Hoy / Mike Madill / Miranda Miller / Paul White / Paula Hiscox / Penn Kemp / Richard Thomas / Richard-Yves Sitoski / Rob Ritchie / Sandra J. Howe / Sarah Lewis / Stuart Ross / Terry Koshan / Tracey Richardson / U.W. Baker

Plus, there were over 30 virtual author visits including John Irving and Ruth Ware available through <https://libraryc.org/osngupllibrary>.

POET LAUREATE

We celebrate the amazing work accomplished by Poet Laureate Richard-Yves Sitoski during his term (2019-23). Richard's performances, published work, community involvement and promotion of both the Poet Laureate program and Words Aloud was exemplary!

Photo credit: Douglas McClellan



MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

During 2023, we undertook a number of projects inside and outside the building including: installing new lighting in Carnegie and the downstairs staff area, painting the stairwell and washroom halls, placing the Andrew Armitage Memorial bench, replacing the public computers, launching our in-building laptop loan program, and installing a new printer and printing system.

We extend sincere thanks to all of the volunteers that help with our Adult Learning Centres, Library-To-Go Program, Monthly Book Sales, 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

All Hands on Tech / Animation with Scott Caple / Art with TOM / Babytime / Big Big Games / Book Bundles / Bug Scavenger Hunt / Build-a-Bot / Button Making / Circuit Crafternoon / Cosplay Parade / Dig It! / Edison Bots / Game On! Kids / Exquisite Corpse Session / Scenic City Games / Hockey Day in Canada / Kaiju Photo Wall / Kids & Caregivers Book Club / Kids Lego Club / Knights in the Classroom Ancient Board Games / Lego Building Competition / Makedo Cardboard Construction / MB Daily Trivia / Nautical Nonsense @ the Marine & Rail / OSNGUPL Olympics / Paint-A-Palooza / Preschool Storytime / Prop Building Sandbox / Reading Buddies / Science Show Spectacular / Science with Luke / Science with NII / Scientists in the Schools / Stop Motion Animation / Summer Scavenger Hunt / Superhero Cafe / Tech Petting Zoo / Valentine Origami / Valentines for Vets / 3D Printing

TEEN PROGRAMS

Cosplay Competition / Daebak! It's K-Pop 1& 2 / DIY Terrarium Holiday Ornament / Dungeon & Dragons Character Creation Workshop / Dungeons & Dragons One-shot Session / Escape Room: Magician's Lair / Game On! / Giant Board Game / Grey Bruce Youth Film Festival / Needle Felting 101 / Reading Buddies Volunteers / Retro Gaming / Teen Advisory Group / Teen Social: Crafting / Stop Motion Studio / Teen Social: Gaming / Teen Writing Circle / Video Game Tournament / Write @ Your Library / Youth Social Justice Group / Zombie Murder Mystery Party

Adult Murder Mystery / Adult Summer Reading Bingo / Adult Winter Reading Bingo / Altered Book Craft / Basic Internet Skills and Online Safety / Bike Maintenance and Repair / Blind Date With a Book Picnic Edition / Book Tasting / Booked 4 Tuesday Book Club / Chess @ the Library / Concertina Book / Halloween Literary Tarot / Health & Wellness Book Club / Heart Shaped DIY Decor / Holiday Crafts / How to Start a Book Club / Learn to Make Dandelion Cordage / Let's Talk About Writing / Library Resources for Writers / Online Resources / OSNGUPL Ukuleles / Scrabble @ the Library / Seed Lending Library / Sketch Circle / Spooky Blind Date With a Book / Still Life Sketching / Stitch it Together / Swap & Share: Bags Tags and Greeting Cards / Swap & Share: Jigsaw Puzzles and Board Games / True Crime Book Club / Walk and Talk Books / Winter Reading Challenge / Young @ Heart Book Club / Zine Books

RESOURCES ONLINE

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

Our library members can access our virtual library 24-7. During 2023, we made even more online resources available for our community.





27,837 information questions answered

CIRCULATION STATS

312,288 materials circulated



153,007



24,924



3,690



4,526



1,601



124,540

Savings to Local Residents

\$4,820,917.30

(Value of Physical Items Borrowed in 2023)

TECH USAGE & HELP



WIFI Connections

46,566



Public Access
Computer Use

5,480



Youth Services iPads

749

the library

824 1st Ave W | osngupl.ca | 519.376.6623