

collingwood public library annual report 2013



OUR MISSION:

To guide our community in the pursuit of information, the wonder of lifelong learning, and the enrichment of social and cultural experiences.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As we look back, the Library Board is delighted with the many positive changes and increased use of your Library in 2013. We welcomed a new CEO, Ken Haigh, and introduced a new Leadership Team in Ken and Lynda Reid.

We are delighted that more than half of Collingwood residents hold Library cards, and that last year, they increased their use of its facilities, programmes and services in every measureable category: e-books borrowed up 44 percent; website visits up 52 percent, WiFi usage up 34 percent; programme attendance up 26 percent; computer workstation usage up 13 percent; patron visits up 6 percent; items borrowed up 3 percent, and an average of two meetings booked every day.

We made numerous changes, from cancelling the charges for computer use to relaunching The Nook, a revamped area for teens, and providing new and updated equipment. We welcomed new staff and two new staff babies, but were saddened by the tragic loss of our long-time Accessibility and Audio-visual Co-ordinator Ruth Branget.

We are proudest of our Library staff, which continues to provide our patrons with the best in personal service and commitment, and we are looking forward to many more positive and exciting developments at your Library in 2014. We hope you will visit us many times.

Paul Dulmage, 2013 Library Board Chair

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Paul Dulmage, chairperson

Ian Chadwick

Christine Cowley

Frank McNulty

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HIGHLIGHTS

2013 was a good year for the Collingwood Public Library

We celebrated 100 years of story time at the CPL with a special anniversary event.

A grant from the Government of Canada will allow us to re-design our website to be more accessible and to meet the high standards demanded by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. The new website will be launched in the spring of 2014.



2013 saw a full roster of exciting programmes for children, teens and adults—author visits, open mic nights, homework help, story time, craft programmes, art shows, musical performances, a ukulele club, and a writers' collective.

Georgian Bay Reads celebrated its fifth season. Mel Pockaj, our champion, took second place with her spirited defence of *Eleanor Rigby* by Douglas Coupland.

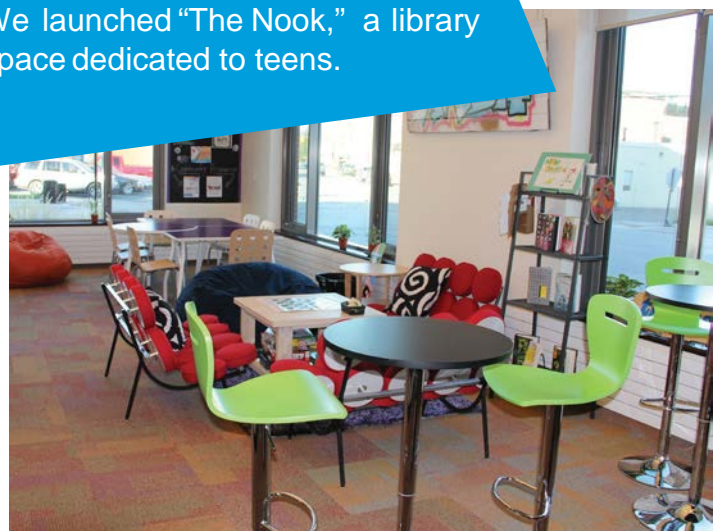
User fees for library computers were dropped. Patrons can now use our computer workstations free of charge.



A new CEO appointed. Ken Haigh comes to us from Thornbury, where he opened the new L.E. Shore Memorial Library and guided it through its first eight years of operation.

A generous bequest from the estate of Sandra Stephenson (nee Bush) allowed us to purchase almost 300 new fiction and non-fiction titles for our collection.

We launched "The Nook," a library space dedicated to teens.





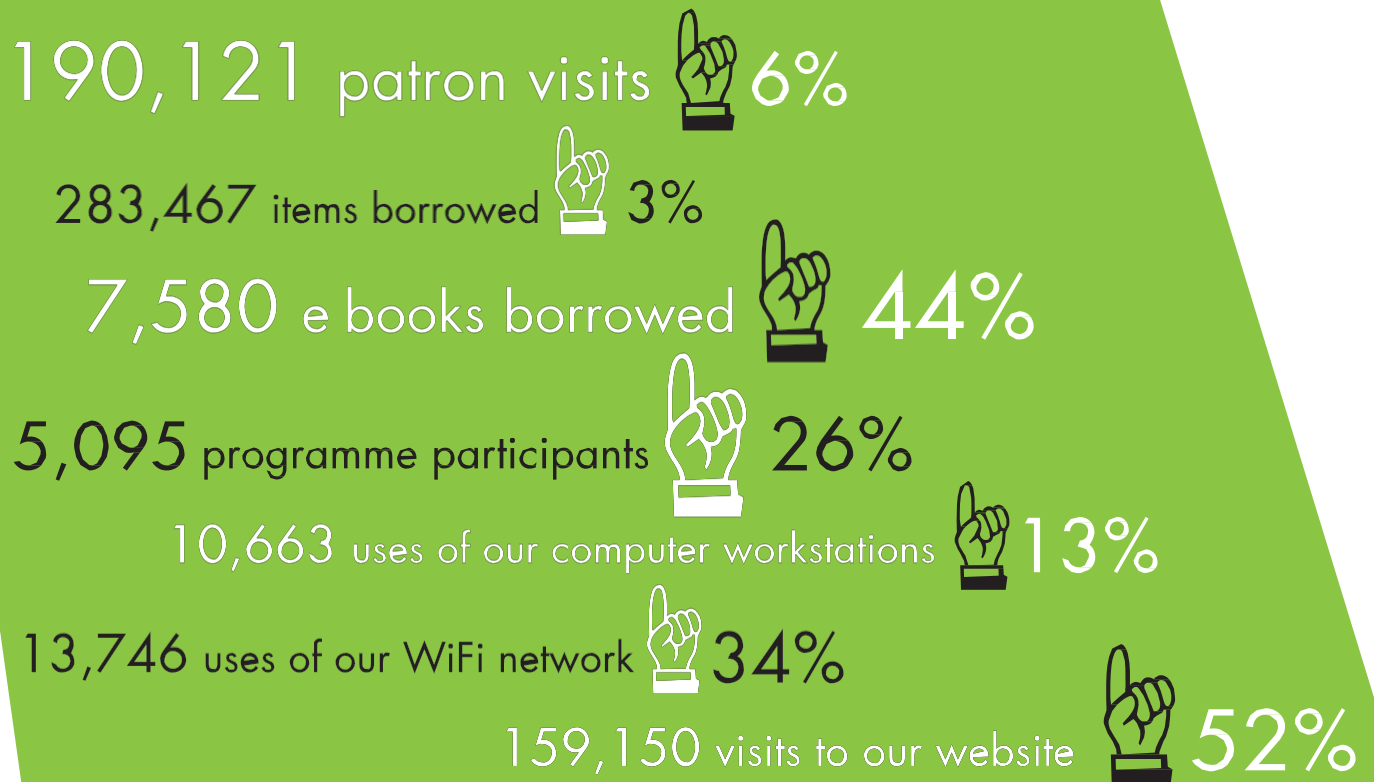
“I think that my library is the most peaceful, calm and enjoyable place in Ontario, because it is super cozy!!!....
My personal favourite part of the library is the four-season stained glass windows. It is rare and the absolute neatest idea ever. I think it even surpasses the amazing green roof.”

“I love my library because it is so much more than just a building full of books. It’s a place where my children are learning for themselves to love books. They have their own space to enjoy crafts, play, story time and singing out loud....
My library is a place of curiosity, wonder, discovery and knowledge.”

“[My husband] and I have been members of the Collingwood Public Library since we moved here in 1974....We love that the library has become a centre for culture. We attend the noon hour concerts, as well as the opening reception of every new art exhibit.”



“The resources in the library enrich my life so much. I can armchair travel or plan a trip, rediscover activities to enjoy with my grandchildren, and always find new ideas to challenge me.”



2013 BUDGET

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE

Local Operating Funding	\$1,365,475.00
Provincial Operating Funding	\$32,513.00
Self Generated Revenue	\$58,800.00
Debt Services & Reserve Fund Revenues	\$27,000.00
Project Grants	\$6,000.00
Donations & Book Sale	\$5,900.00

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES

Material expenses	\$90,500.00
Staffing	\$988,849.00
Staff training & education	\$13,100.00
Facility/Utilities/Telecommunication	\$106,639.00
Computer Service	\$13,600.00
Debt Charges, Transfers & Overhead Allocation	\$255,000.00
Other (office supplies, Sundry, Promotion & Publicity, Legal, Processing)	\$28,000.00



Experienced staff members who know their community and its needs.

Active children's programming for the past 100 years.

Growing teen programming with a dedicated teen collection and meeting space.

A keen local arts community who regularly perform or display their artwork in our library.

One of the best local history/genealogy collections in the province for a library of our size, with knowledgeable staff to guide patrons with their research.

