

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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ITEMS IN OUR
PHYSICAL
COLLECTION
30,879

2024 3rd Quarter
21,029
VISITORS



2023 3rd Quarter
19,298
VISITORS

The mission of the Parry Sound Public Library is to inspire learning, discovery and enjoyment through various library services in a community-minded, safe and inclusive space.



Parry Sound
Public Library

A MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD CHAIR



It gives me great pleasure to submit this annual report on behalf of the Parry Sound Public Library (PSPL) Board of Directors (Board).

Our volunteer Board, working alongside the library's dedicated staff had a very productive 2024. Working together, we completed a full review of all library policies, including

updating the library's mission and vision statements. These policies are available to the public on our website at www.parrysoundlibrary.com/policies

Focusing on developing and nurturing partnerships, PSPL expanded its reach throughout our amazing communities. Our partnership with the North Bay & District Multicultural Centre resulted in Pulkit Dhir being appointed as the Library Settlement Partnership Worker for Parry Sound. Pulkit allocates his time between the Library and the YMCA Employment and Learning Services office.

The Library continued its successful collaboration with the West Parry Sound District Museum by providing the popular Museum on Tower Hill Family Passes. Ontario Parks allowed us to circulate 3 Day-Use Permits, which are in constant circulation and allow library patrons to enjoy the beauty of this place we call home. PSPL hosted "pop up" special movie nights in partnership with our contracting municipalities, and we collaborated with the Town of Parry Sound and Parry Sound Downtown Business Association for the Halloween Outdoor Movie Night.

The PSPL Board is extremely proud of what our Staff are consistently able to accomplish. As I have stated before, their creativity and enthusiasm are second to none, particularly when compared with the major urban cities in Ontario and across Canada.

On behalf of the PSPL Board I would like to thank the Town of Parry Sound and our three Service Contract Municipalities: The Township of The Archipelago, the Township of Carling and the Municipality of McDougall, for their ongoing support. Looking forward to 2025 - Stay tuned for the next exciting chapter here at PSPL!

PSPL BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Lundy, Chair and Archipelago Rep.

Susan Murphy, Vice - Chair and Carling Council Rep.

Joe Ryman, McDougall Council Rep.

Doug McCann, Parry Sound Council Rep.

Stephen Heder, Parry Sound Rep.

Sandy Bishop, Parry Sound Rep.

Jonathan Baxter, Parry Sound Rep.

Alhan Rahimi, Parry Sound Rep.

Karen Walker, Parry Sound Rep.

PSPL STAFF MEMBERS

Selena Martens, C.E.O

Rola Fraser, Manager, Collections & Community Engagement

Cayla Norrie, Manager, Programming, Marketing & Data Analysis

Kristina Brics, Cataloging

Theresa Hill, Children & Young Adult Services Coordinator

Juliana Reads, Circulation Assistant

Allen Hillcoat, Circulation Assistant





We continued our partnership with Festival of the Sound, offering the popular Chamber Kids program in Summer 2024, with 162 people in attendance.

PROGRAMS

260

PARTICIPANTS

2,622



ITEMS
CIRCULATED
34,564

2024 HIGHLIGHTS - First 3 Quarters

More than books!

Puzzles, Games, Ontario Park Passes, Museum on Tower Hill Family Passes, Georgian Bay Biosphere Packs, WIFI, Computers, Early Literacy Stations, Print/Scan/Fax Services, and so much more!



E-BOOK &
E-AUDIOBOOK
DOWNLOADS
12,599



WIFI &
COMPUTER
USAGE
11,158



*Come and be
social with us!*

Join a club
or group;
Knit & Stitch,
Art Journaling,
French, Yoga,
Chess, Movie vs.
Book Club, and
more!



NEWSLETTER
REACH
1,239

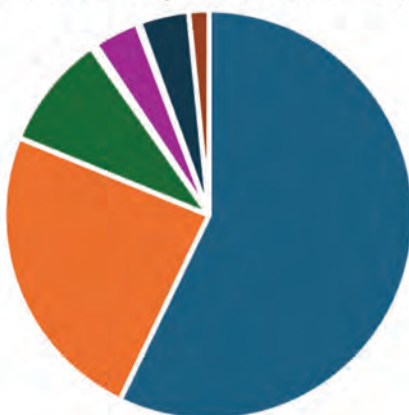
MUTE BOX
USAGE
822



WEBSITE
VIEW
14,919

FINANCES

2023 Library Revenue \$546,041

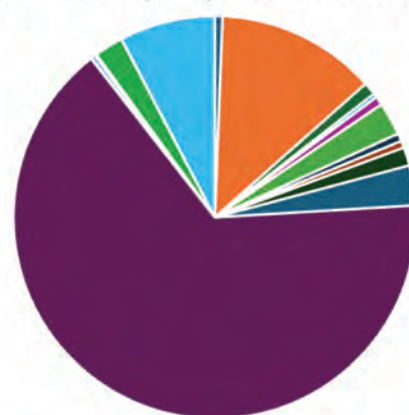


- Town of Parry Sound
- Contracting Municipalities
- Provincial Grants
- Other Grants
- User Fees, Photocopying, etc.
- Rent
- Donations and Fundraising
- Interest Income

\$10,000 from C. C. Johnson Bequest

\$10,000 Books, DVDs, Libby, etc.

2023 Library Expenses \$546,041



- Advertising and programming
- Computer maintenance and software
- Fundraising Expense
- Miscellaneous
- Professional Fees
- Salaries and employee benefits
- Amortization of tangible capital assets
- Conference and travel
- Insurance
- Photocopies
- Repairs and Maintenance
- Subscriptions

*2024 Financial Figures will be made available after the annual audit.

*2024 Annual Report statistics have been collected to the end of the 3rd Quarter.