

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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ITEMS IN OUR  
PHYSICAL  
COLLECTION  
**30,348**

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.

3rd Quarter 2025

**21,817**  
VISITORS



Parry Sound  
Public Library



## A MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD CHAIR



As 2025 winds down, it gives me immense pleasure to submit this annual report on behalf of the Parry Sound Public Library (PSPL) Board of Directors (Board).

The PSPL has a devoted team of Library Staff and volunteers, including our volunteer Board who

continuously highlight and exemplify our shared values of Kindness, Creativity, Equity and Inclusion, Truth and Reconciliation, Intellectual Freedom, Community Collaboration, and Respect.

With these values in mind, we have created our 2025-2029 Strategic Plan highlighting the priorities of PSPL. Our full Strategic Plan can be viewed on the library's website: <https://www.parrysoundlibrary.com/library-board-policies>. Looking forward, we will continue to build capacity in the following areas: Accessibility and Inclusivity, Maintaining and Improving the Library Building, Increasing Recreational Activities, Building Community Pride, and re-committing to our continuous efforts to apply for grants, fundraise, and pursue donations to deliver the very best programming and services to our community.

I would be remiss if I did not emphasize our incredible Staff. As I have said in previous annual reports, The PSPL Board is extremely proud of what our Staff are consistently able to accomplish. Their creativity and enthusiasm are second to none. In fact, I would put our PSPL Team up against any Library, in any rural or urban centre across Ontario and throughout Canada.

On behalf of the PSPL Board I would like to thank the Town of Parry Sound and our three Contracting Municipalities: The Township of The Archipelago, the Township of Carling, and the Municipality of McDougall for their ongoing support. We look forward to working and growing together!

## 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.

**Alhan Rahimi**, Parry Sound Rep.

**Karen Walker**, Parry Sound Rep.

**Sharon Ranney**, Parry Sound Rep.

Special thank you to retired Parry Sound Rep. Jonathan Baxter

## 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



# 2025 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

2025: 18,526

2024: 12,599



## PHYSICAL ITEMS CIRCULATED

27,294

## WIFI & COMPUTER USAGE

7,738

The library celebrated Ontario Provincial Park's Healthy Parks Healthy People Day by taking the *StoryWalk*® to campers & visitors at Killbear/Makwa Neyoshing Provincial Park.

*The Chamber Kids* Program in partnership with the *Festival of the Sound* continues to draw crowds with over 120 people in attendance.

## PROGRAMS

248

## PARTICIPANTS

1,951

We have continued to partner with the *Downtown Parry Sound Business Association* bringing forward a new Annual Haunted House event in collaboration with the *Witches Walk*.







*Come and be social with us!*

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



NEWSLETTER  
REACH  
1,351

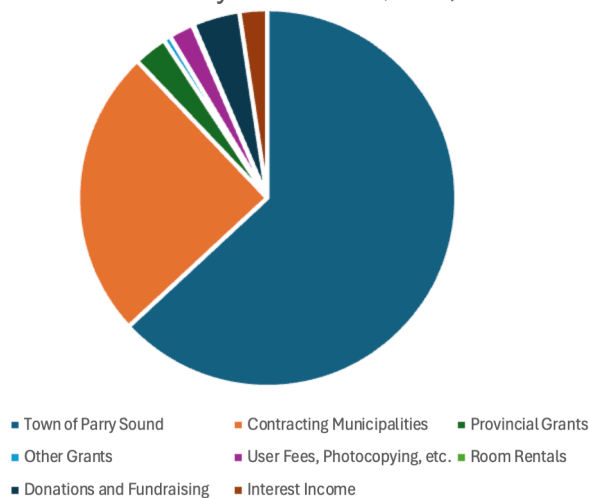
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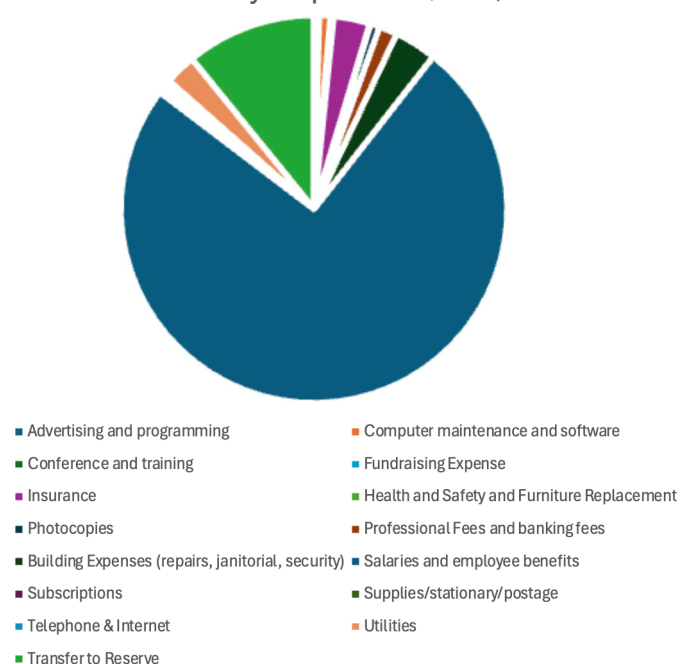


## FINANCES

2024 Library Revenue \$528,220



2024 Library Expenses \$528,220



\$12,000 from C. C. Johnson Bequest

\$12,000 Books, DVDs, Libby, etc.

\*2025 Financial Figures will be made available after the annual audit.

\*2025 Annual Report statistics have been collected to the end of the 3rd Quarter.