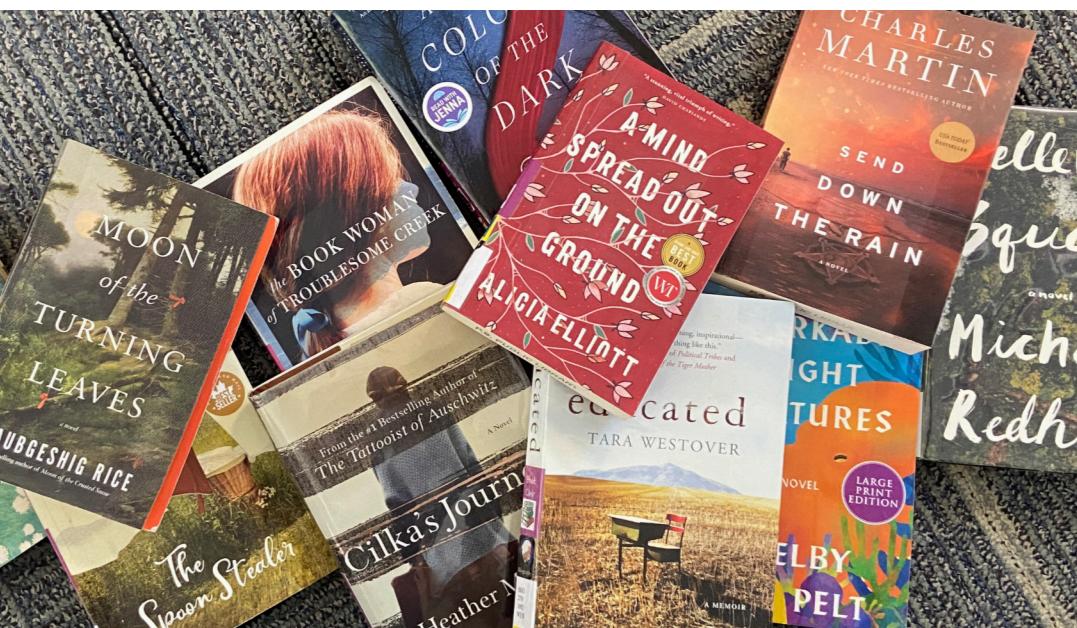


2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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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



Libby.



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.

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.



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



Come and be social with us!

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



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USAGE
761

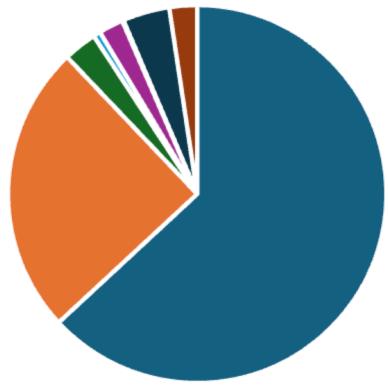


NEWSLETTER
REACH
1,351

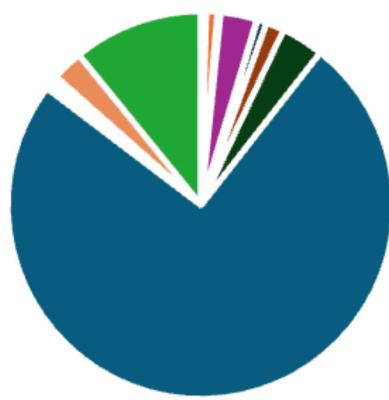
WEBSITE
VIEWS
16,074

FINANCES

2024 Library Revenue \$528,220



2024 Library Expenses \$528,220



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

■ Advertising and programming
■ Conference and training
■ Insurance
■ Photocopies
■ Building Expenses (repairs, janitorial, security)
■ Subscriptions
■ Telephone & Internet
■ Transfer to Reserve
■ Computer maintenance and software
■ Fundraising Expense
■ Health and Safety and Furniture Replacement
■ Professional Fees and banking fees
■ Salaries and employee benefits
■ Supplies/stationary/postage
■ Utilities

\$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.