

PARRY SOUND PUBLIC LIBRARY



2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Our Mission Statement:

The Parry Sound Public Library enriches the quality of life in the Town of Parry Sound, contracting municipalities and surrounding areas by providing access to information for cultural, economic, educational, and recreational development, and also by promoting personal growth.

THE GATEWAY
TO A LIFELONG
LOVE OF READING,
JOY OF LEARNING,
AND SEARCH FOR
INFORMATION



22,647
VISITORS
IN 2023

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17,006
VISITORS
IN 2022

ITEMS IN OUR
PHYSICAL
COLLECTION
33,780





A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

I would like to commend our remarkable staff at the Parry Sound Public Library (PSPL) for their accomplishments and ingenuity throughout 2023. PSPL continues to be a vibrant community hub, engaging patrons and visitors with dynamic programming and services.

The Board-approved staff restructuring has exceeded our expectations in their first year. Selena Martens has flourished into her role as CEO and has done an incredible job in 2023. Rola Fraser as Manager, Collections & Community Engagement has initiated the “Little Libraries” project, bringing accessible library services to residents in long-term care. Cayla Norrie as Manager, Programming, Marketing & Data Analysis has continued many of the library’s traditional programs while bringing in new events and partnerships throughout the year. And our part time staff continue to support the management team with enthusiasm and creativity.

2023 was a year of growth and improvement, with the much-needed replacement of the library’s three rooftop HVAC Units, the opening of two new “mute boxes” for public use, and a new collection of decodable children’s books. The library has seen an increase in many areas, including visits, circulation, and attendance at programs.

On behalf of the PSPL Board I would like to thank the Town of Parry Sound and our three (3) Service Contract Municipalities, the Township of The Archipelago, the Township of Carling, and the Municipality of McDougall for their ongoing support.

We expect that 2024 will bring even more exciting developments for library programs and services! Stay tuned for the next chapter here at PSPL.

PSPL BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Lundy, Board Chair
Archipelago Representative

Susan Murphy, Vice-Chair
Carling Council Representative

Joe Ryman,
McDougall Council Representative

Doug McCann,
Parry Sound Council Representative

Alhan Rahimi,
Parry Sound Representative

Stephen Heder,
Parry Sound Representative

Karen Walker,
Parry Sound Representative

Jonathan Baxter,
Parry Sound Representative

Sandy Bishop,
Parry Sound Representative

PSPL STAFF MEMBERS

Selena Martens
Chief Executive Officer

Rola Fraser
Manager, Collections and Community Engagement

Cayla Norrie
Manager, Programming, Marketing & Data Analysis

Kristina Brics
Cataloguing

Juliana Reads
Circulation Assistant

Allen Hillcoat
Circulation Assistant



2023 HIGHLIGHTS



2023 E-BOOK /
E-AUDIOBOOK
DOWNLOADS
16,021



2023 PROGRAMS
235
PARTICIPANTS
2,973



The Parry Sound
Public Library Board
& Staff are deeply
grateful to the
Ontario Trillium
Foundation Resilient
Communities Fund
for helping us
purchase two mute
boxes.



2023 WIFI &
COMPUTER USAGE
9,552

2023 NEW ITEMS
CATALOGUED
4,827

2023 ITEMS
CIRCULATED
37,064

In 2023, Parry
Sound Public Library
received a grant to
replace 3 rooftop
HVAC units.





770 ILLO SENT OUT IN 2023

705 ILLO RECEIVED IN 2023



NEWSLETTER REACH 2023
1,104

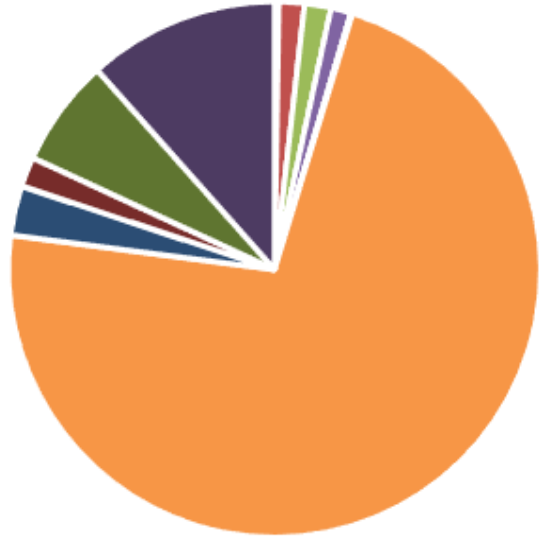
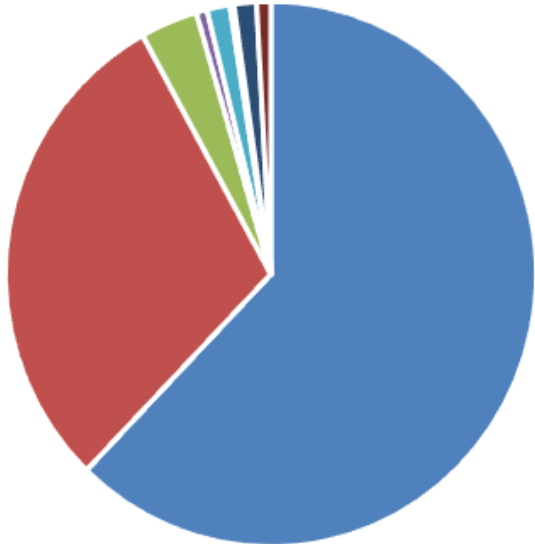
WEBSITE VIEWS 2023
16,532



FINANCES

2022 Library Revenue \$432,283.65

2022 Library Expenses \$432,283.65



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

- Advertising and Programming
- Professional Consulting
- Computers and Software
- Fundraising Expense
- Staff Education and Development
- Salaries and Employee Benefits
- Insurance
- Office Expenses/Postage/Photocopiers/Internet
- Building Repair/Maintenance/Utilities
- Deferred/Transfer to Reserves

\$30,500 from C. C. Johnson Bequest

\$30,500 Books (Books, DVDs, OverDrive, etc.)

*2023 Financial Figures will be made available after the annual audit.