

# NPPL ANNUAL REPORT 2024



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

North Perth Public Library has had another year for the books. In response to the growing needs of our community, NPPL launched several new initiatives. Our community members are our biggest champions and changemakers as we connect and work together. Working with our literary partners, Friends of the Library, the “Dolly Parton Imagination Library” has been established in our community. This remarkable program provides quality literature to over 500 children in North Perth. Working with Community Living North Perth, the “Community Crafts” program has welcomed many new and enthusiastic community members to discover the library and services available. Possibility is all around us, and it looks different every day.

We continue to provide exceptional library services with the support of a remarkable team. With renewed and inspiring staff leadership, the NPPL has become the hub of interest and activity within our community. Whether hosting authors and book clubs, celebrating monthly themes, welcoming newcomers to Canada with our “English Conversation Circle”, our libraries are more critical than ever as active partners in community outreach and development. We continue to expand in-person offerings, engaging and connecting with our community and creating a safe and welcoming space for all.

As we look forward to future — the North Perth Public Library is always evolving in exciting and unexpected ways.



**Terrance Ritchie**

**North Perth Public Library Board - Chairperson**

# TOP NEWS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2024



## **MAJOR INCREASE!**

We hosted a WIDE variety of programs, bringing so many new and old community members into the library. These programs are free, accessible, diverse, and awesome! Fan favourite programs stuck around, new ones were added, and program attendance increased by 41.6%



## **BET YOU CAN FIND US NOW!**

A new website was launched in April designed for easy access, low barrier use for all. Traffic to the new website has increased by 258%!!!!



## **NEW ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS WERE A CROWD HIT!**

Events for Poetry Month, Ontario Public Library Week celebrations, and Perth County Reads brought in people from all over the county to join in on the fun. Watch for 2025's return of these events!!



## **LOWER FEES?!**

Printing fees were lowered, fax costs were eliminated, and barriers were reduced!



## **NEW COLLECTIONS ARE HOT COMMODITIES!**

We added Yoto Players, Cyclones Hockey passes, Video Games, and more to our special collections and they've been flying off the shelf!!



# Snapshots from 2024



We are a team of 13 and are supported by volunteers and summer staff. 6 employees are full-time, 5 are part-time, and we have 2 students.

Between all of our spaces, both physical and digital, we currently have 136,976 items for you to borrow!

We had 146,761 checkouts in 2024!!

We have over 6,166 items in our collection that are NOT books!

We offered 460 FREE inclusive and diverse programs this year!



# Statistics

## OUR PHYSICAL SPACES

- Total NPPL members: 9,443
- Total increase in active patrons: 6.3%
- Total visits to NPPL branches: 54,513
- Total new cards issued: 711
- Total public computer sessions: 4,782
- Total open hours: 4,074
- Total of volunteers help: 267 hours



## OUR PROGRAMS



- Total programs hosted: 460
- Total attendance in programs: 6,325

● = % of youth that attended programs  
 ● = % of adults that attended programs

## OUR COLLECTIONS

- Total of collection items: 44,147
- Total checkouts: 146,761
- Total ILLO use: 779
- Total courier deliveries: 211



## OUR DIGITAL SPACE

- Total digital check outs: 43,265
- Total WiFi use: 8,397
- Total website sessions: 29,322
- Total resource/database sessions: 593,319\*\*
- Digital collection items: 92,520



Statistics reflect all three branches (unless specified) and is the total from the 2024 year

\*\* Numbers reflect shared databases with PCIN



# In Summary...

- Visits to our new website increased by 258%
- Wifi usage increased by 58.6%
- Program attendance increased by 41.6%
- Item checkouts increased by 33.3%
- Summer Reading participation increased by 28%
- Visits to our branches increased by 19.6%
- Computer usage increased by 18.4%
- Ebook/Audiobook usage increased by 17.3%
- Membership to NPPL increased by 16.7%
- ... This list goes on and it is all to say we've had such an incredible year!

North Perth, thank you for your ongoing support. We feel so lucky to serve such incredible patrons and community.

Our strategic priorities of reducing barriers, growing out into our community, and aim for sustainability and good stewardship remain a forefront in our plans for moving forward. 2025 is bound to be an incredible year and we cannot wait for you to join us!



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