

|||| LINCOLN PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY



2023 — ANNUAL REPORT

2023

by the numbers



Community Use

294,676

physical items
borrowed

213,355

people visited
the library



Membership

2,104

people signed up
for a library card

10,990

active cardholders



Digital Use

42,774

eBooks downloaded

21,814

audiobooks downloaded

11,202

magazines downloaded



Programming and Engagement

21,828

program attendees

1,390

programs offered

1,410

volunteer hours

2023 Highlights

January

The Library of Things expanded with the addition of snowshoes, carbon dioxide monitors, and C-pen readers.

March

The first One Book, One Niagara community read featuring *Care Of* by Ivan Coyote was held at Brock University.

May

Microgalleries of The Canadian Library, an art installation to bring awareness to 2SMMIWG, were installed at two LPPL branches.

February

The second annual Adopt a Plant Day in Fonthill and Beamsville paired more than 300 people with a new houseplant to take home.

April

On April 1, the library celebrated one year as Lincoln Pelham Public Library with a customer appreciation event and the launch of a community survey.

June

A new book lending machine, funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, opened at the Meridian Community Centre (MCC) in Fonthill. 459 books were borrowed between August and December.



July

More than 200 people enjoyed the Downtown Beamsville StoryWalk®.

August

Summer reading wrapped up with barbecues in Fonthill and Beamsville celebrating 339,229 minutes read!

September

LPPL marked Truth and Reconciliation Day with a virtual author visit and Inuit cultural programming, plus a community weaving with Métis artist Tracey-Mae Chambers.

October

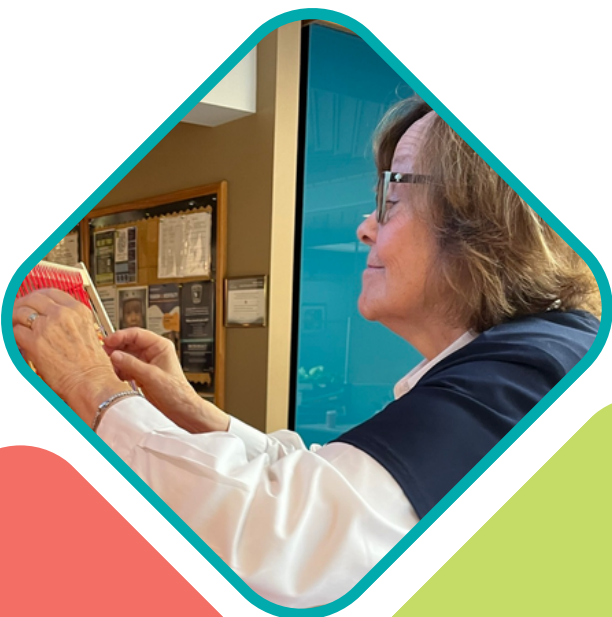
Local author Adam Shoalts launched his latest book *Where the Falcon Flies* to a sold-out audience at the Books on the Bench author series.

November

The first annual Local Author Showcase in Fonthill showcased the work of 19 Niagara-based writers.

December

The Fleming and Maple Acre Branches hosted an interactive StoryWalk® of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*



Grants and Community Support

Desjardins Community Development Fund

\$25,000 toward bookmobile

GivingTuesday

\$21,272 received from individuals that allowed for removal of fees for all children's and teen programs in 2024

Books on the Bench Author Series

\$10,000 raised at two events featuring Perdita Felicien and Adam Shoalts

Thanks to our supporters: Meridian, The Jacob Senior Living, Chartwell Retirement Residences: The Orchards, Good Earth Food and Wine Co., Vieni Estates, Foodland Vineland, Jarod Brandon, and BonnyBank B & B.

Pelham Art Festival

\$10,000 toward future capital projects

Fleming Foundation

\$9,983 toward library programs and services

Niagara Community Foundation

\$5,525 toward memory care kits to support individuals living with dementia

\$750 toward Indigenous educational programming, including a virtual author visit, Métis dot painting, and Moccasin Identifier kits

\$750 toward branded bags for the Visiting Library Service

Rittenhouse Trust

\$5,000 for the creation of a memory lab at the Rittenhouse Branch

Summer Reading

\$4,000 received in sponsorship from Kiwanis Club of Welland, Ontario Power Generation, Fenwick Lionettes, Beamsville and District Lions Club, and Beamsville Women's Institute.

Oshki Wupoonwane | The Blanket Fund

\$2,300 from the Gord Downie Chanie Wenjack Fund toward Inuk presenter Muckpaloo Ipeelie during Truth and Reconciliation month



2023 Financials

Revenue

Municipal Grant \$2,089,358

**Provincial Operating Grant
\$83,468**

Fees, Fines, Rentals \$31,028

Fundraising \$11,610

DC Funds \$72,750

\$2,288,214

Expenditures

Staffing Costs \$1,789,729

Materials & Processing \$191,210

Administration \$110,858

Telephone & Internet \$40,071

Programs & Promotion \$17,615

Automated Systems & Software Support \$86,677

Transfer to Capital Reserve \$52,054

\$2,288,214

**Please note these numbers
represent unaudited budget
figures for 2023*



BRANCH LOCATIONS

Fleming Branch

5020 Serena Drive
Beamsville
905-563-7014

Fonthill Branch

43 Pelham Town Square
Fonthill
905-892-6443

Maple Acre Branch

781 Canboro Road
Fenwick
905-892-5226

Moses F. Rittenhouse Branch

4080 John Charles Blvd
Vineland
905-562-5711

Lincoln Pelham Public Library acknowledges this is the traditional lands and territories of the Hatiwendaronk, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabeg, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties (No. 3) and by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement.

Lincoln Pelham Public Library recognizes the contributions and stewardship of all Indigenous Peoples, including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit. We are committed to celebrating and sharing stories from Indigenous communities and creating space for education and dialogue as we collectively acknowledge hard truths and work toward reconciliation.