



**AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
Enhancing our Community through Learning, Leisure and Literacy

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## **Chief Librarian's End of Year Report – 2015**

### **Highlights:**

- One-hundred Large Print titles which make up our contribution to The Large Print Pool have been pulled from our permanent collection and processed for shipment during the rotation at the end of February. Our Large Print Pool books will be picked up and delivered by SOLS courier during a special stop on the Monday of the rotation. This Large Print Pool will provide our patrons with 400 Large Print titles a year.
- **March Break:** The library hosted an afternoon Lego Club on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> with a total of 9 children attending. Thanks to our volunteer Austin Munn for helping with Lego Club and inspiring our young designers.
- The Library has received family museum passes for the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum, the Canadian Aviation and Space Museum and the Canadian Museum of Nature. These passes each allow free admission for 2 adults and 3 children and can be lent to patrons for 1 week. The Museum of Canadian History is reviewing their pass program, and the Science and Technology Museum is closed until 2017 for renovations.
- **May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>:** The library participated in the South Grenville Business Fair. Angie, Huguette Messier and Donald Swail set-up on May 8<sup>th</sup>, and Angie and Huguette greeted patrons at the booth and discussed the library and its services. On May 9<sup>th</sup> Angie, Huguette and Lynda McKittrick hosted the library's display and packed up the booth. Library brochures were handed out, information on the Library's events, programs and collection, including Overdrive was on display. The Library laptop was available so visitors could view the library website. Visitors were provided with business cards featuring the School House Meeting Room, and brochures and bookmarks advertising the Silent Auction were handed out. One of our Early Literacy Stations was available for younger visitors to try out the games and activities. Visitors to the fair were very positive about our display, and interested in the information presented, although attendance on May 9<sup>th</sup> was disappointing.
- **May 25<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>:** The library was closed for Inventory. Preparation for this has been ongoing since the beginning of the year. Volunteers helped to weed and reshelve the entire collection. Discarded juvenile books were donated to local schools. Scanning of the books was done by Angie, Linda Parrott and Lynda McKittrick. Scanning and preliminary work on the Inventory reports was completed by 5:00 p.m. on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Greg Morrison for his help with Inventory preparation and preparing the reports

- **May 20:** Dreamers and Doers introduction letters and nomination forms were sent to the MERC, North Augusta, Roebuck and Maynard Recreation committees, Maynard and Toniata Public Schools, South Grenville District High School, Thousand Islands Secondary School, Brockville Collegiate, St Mary Catholic High School, St. Mark Catholic School, local churches in North Augusta, Maitland, Maynard and members of Council. Copies were also provided to the receptionist at the Township Office for distribution to the public, and were available at the Library circulation desk
- The library took part in the TD Summer Reading Club. 37 children 12 years of age and younger signed up to earn 10 stars by reading 5 chapter books or 10 picture books by Public Library Week in October. Each child who registered was given a poster, stickers and an activity book. Our amazing Reading Club members read a total of 176 books from June to October 2015. We celebrated their achievement with “Little Ray’s Reptile Zoo” on October 3rd. 29 of our readers and their parents and brothers and sisters joined us in the schoolhouse to meet some interesting critters and enjoy cupcakes and punch. 17 of our awesome readers earned enough stars to choose a free book from our Treasure Box.
- **June 17:** Proctor and Gamble employees were at the Library site for “Day of Caring” The crew pressure washed the front of the library, improved the drainage from the library path to the roadside ditch, replaced screws on the internet tower climbing shield, installed blinds, repaired the chairs in the schoolhouse and library and installed a post and memorial plaque for Susan O’Reilly’s tree. As usual, this work was done with efficiency, cheerfulness and respect for library property. We are most grateful to P& G and the crew.
- **June 23:** Our wonderful volunteers Joan Gearey and Connie Whitehorne were awarded 2015 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards for 20 years volunteer service to the library. The awards were presented at a ceremony at the Brockville Country Club. Both our nominees and Librarian Angie Knights and Board Chair Jacquie Kelly were able to attend.
- **June 26 - 30:** Our friends and very good neighbours at Chevron Construction replaced our flag pole ropes and we received flags from MPP Steve Clark and MP Gord Brown’s offices. The new flags were installed in time for Canada Day.
- **July 13<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>:** The library was closed for staff vacation. As in previous years, we thank Joanne Edwards for bringing in our mail, emptying the drop-box and feeding the fish.

- **October 27<sup>th</sup>**: The library held its Volunteer Appreciation evening. The event was very well attended. Congratulations to Fran Wright and Daphne Thornhill for receiving 10 year Pillar of Strength awards, Joan Gearey and Connie Whitehorne on receiving 20 year Pillar of Strength awards, and Lynda McKittrick on receiving the Dreamer and Doer Award for 2015.
- **November 7<sup>th</sup>** : Our annual Silent Auction and Craft Sale was a great success. Proceeds from the Auction, Craft Ttable rentals, Coffee Table Donations and Tooney Table earned \$3824.16.. We thank all our generous donors including Proctor and Gamble, Chevron Construction, Prescott Golf Club, Creekside Diner, Boston Pizza, and all who supported the library by bidding on items at the Auction. We also thank our volunteers who helped with auction set-up and on the final day, especially Kathleen Donnelly and Jean Gomez who oversaw the coffee and desserts, and students Maria Tahiani and Darby Grant.
- **November 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**: I-Pad classes for Seniors were held in the Schoolhouse, although registration was disappointing, the three attendees were very enthusiastic about the classes presented by volunteers Lynda McKittrick, Fran Wright and Jacquie Kelly.
- The library participated in the ‘Read to Every Child Every Day’ program. A collection of 12 books and a binder with tips for literacy for children was provided by the group ‘Every Kid in our Communities of Leeds & Grenville’. The books were loaned to parents for 3 weeks and the family then voted on their favourite books.
- **December 1**: Four-O-One Electric installed new fixtures over the circulation desk, and installed two new outlets, one in the Electrical room and one in the hallway near the school-house door. New LED bulbs have been purchased for all lights in the school house and the hanging lights in the main library
- Gary Thornhill installed an Electronic Anti-Scale and Rust Water Treatment system on the water line in the Electrical room
- **December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**: Seniors Android classes were held, taught by Gary Thornhill and Greg Morrison. The classes were full with 10 persons attending each session
- The library was closed from December 20<sup>th</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 for staff holidays. We thank Joanne Edwards for bringing in our mail, emptying the book drop, and feeding our fish.

**Circulation:**

Total 20,003

(Library was open 1,222 hours on 235 days)

- Books.....14076
- Magazines.....776
- Inter-library loans.....173
- Audio-Visual.....1096
- Overdrive (e-books).....3875

**Membership:**

98 new members

**Material Available:**

- 24,504 books: 13,186 juvenile, 12,186 adult, 132 reference
- 30 periodical subscriptions
- Brockville Recorder and Times daily newspaper
- 464 talking books and read-along kits
- 171 DVDs plus 500 DVD titles per year from the SOLS DVD Pool
- local history collection
- seven computers for patron use – all with internet access, one with voice recognition software.
- WIFI available
- two early literacy stations
- three printers, one colour
- Copier, scanner, fax machine
- Telephone directories for Ottawa, Kingston, Cornwall, Brockville and the Laurentians

**New Additions:**

- 1214 books added
- 3632 discarded
- 44 audio-visuals added
- 0 audio visual discarded

**Programs:**

- TD Summer Reading Program – 12 years and under – 37 children registered. A total of 176 books were read by program participants.
- Every Child Ready to Read
- Read to Every Kid Every Day
- Seniors Computer classes
- Lego Club

**Miscellaneous Funds Collected:**

- Overdue fines:.....\$283.55
- Copies, faxes and printouts.....\$193.50
- Used Books.....\$209.35
- Donations.....\$456.20
- Replacements.....\$129.93
- Membership fees..... \$20.00
- Misc.....\$25.50 (Bag sales)
- Programming.....\$180.00
- Silent Auction/Craft Sale.....\$3843.21
- Rental.....\$2000.00 (104 Bookings)

**Miscellaneous:**

- Total In-Library Volunteer Hours – 902.50. An average of 19 volunteer hours per week.
- Total Number of Sessions using the Public Access Computers – 748
- Total Number of Sessions using Early Learning Stations – 393

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