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2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Message from the Chief Librarian

In our strategic plan, KFPL Vision 2020, we committed to making a positive difference in the lives of everyone in Kingston Frontenac by offering programs and services to inspire a love of reading, by innovating and experimenting with services and approaches and by welcoming all to inviting community spaces.

In 2015 with the support of our municipal partners, KFPL moved forward on a number of projects to revitalize our spaces. The City of Kingston Council approved funding for the construction of a new facility adjacent to the future Rideau Heights Community Centre and confirmed its support for the renovation of the Central Branch to create a vibrant and welcoming 21st century library. The Township of Central Frontenac committed to building a new facility in Parham.

KFPL also experimented with new services and approaches when we launched our 3D printer service in May and a library kiosk at the Kingston Community Health Centre in July. Lynda.com and Hoopla were added to our online products and the newest version of Digital Kingston was launched.

Throughout 2015 KFPL has worked with many community partners from Kingston WritersFest to Blue Canoe to offer a variety of programs and outreach events. For the third year in a row we're thrilled to have been shortlisted for a Ministry of Culture, Tourism, and Sport Public Library Service Award. This year King Con, a celebration of graphic novels, comics and gaming, in partnership with downtown Kingston businesses and organizations, was recognized.

In 2015 KFPL welcomed new and returning board members: Barbara Aitken; Judith Brown; Ralph Gatfield; Councillor Jim Neill; Annie Peace-Fast; John Purdon; Claudette Richardson; Somnath Sinha; Monica Stewart; Catherine Tang and Mayor Ron Vandewal. Thanks to our board members who volunteer their time to ensure that Kingston Frontenac receives the best possible library service.

Thank you to our staff members who share their passion, knowledge and expertise as we strive to provide responsive and innovative services and programs for you.

Library service is funded by the City of Kingston, County of Frontenac and Province of Ontario through your tax dollars. The Kingston Frontenac Public Library appreciates your support as well as the Friends of the Library and the many donors who help to fund programs and other initiatives outside the scope of our operating budget.

Thank you for continuing to make KFPL a part of your lives.

Patricia Enright
Chief Librarian/Chief Executive Officer

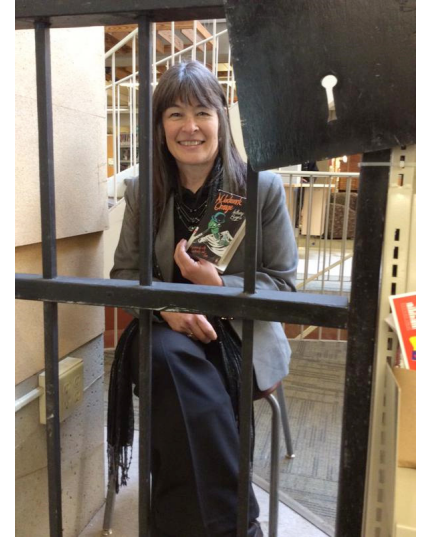


PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

FREEDOM TO READ



Our community gathered at our Central Branch to participate in our Freedom-to-Readathon. Partner agencies, library staff and volunteers were joined by MPP Sophie Kiwala and Mayor Bryan Paterson, reading aloud from books that had been banned at North American libraries over the years. Selections included classics such as *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Animal Farm*.



KING CON



Our first annual fandom convention brought hundreds of science fiction, fantasy, steampunk, and comic book enthusiasts together with gamers for a weekend of costumes, tournaments, skill demonstrations, and special guests. King Con has been honoured with the Angus Mowat Award of Excellence by the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sport.



"My whole family had a great time. So many fun things to see and do! Thanks for everyone who worked so hard on this. We are looking forward to the next time!" - Dave H.

SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUTS

"Great event. What about adding Anime/Manga component?" - French G.

PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

POET LAUREATE

As Kingston's new Poet Laureate, Helen Humphreys offered a range of poetry-writing workshops and one-on-one critiques for aspiring writers at branches across the city.



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Poet-in-Residence One-on-One Sessions

Are you a would-be poet?
Do you have scraps of poetry tucked away in a drawer or notebook or on your phone?
Would you like advice from an experienced poet?


Come spend 30 minutes one-on-one with Kingston's newest Poet Laureate, Helen Humphreys. Bring along a sample of your writing (three pages or less); this may be typed or handwritten but **MUST** be double-spaced. Open to anyone 14 years of age or older. Please arrive on time!

Wednesday, May 13
Central Library, Boucher Room
130 Johnson Street

Register for a 30-minute session between
12:30 and 3:30 p.m.
or between
5:30 and 8:30 p.m.



Register online at events.kfpl.ca or phone (613) 549-8888 starting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday April 7

 We acknowledge the support of the City of Kingston through the Poet Laureate program, increasing the profile of the literary arts within the City and beyond.

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MOBILE LIBRARY



Kingston Community Health Centres hosted our first mobile branch. The eye-catching vending machine allows library members to borrow and return books, DVDs and other materials from this busy location in Rideau Heights.

 KingstonFrontenac: PL Retweeted
HOL @eloquentcomic - Jan 13
Best vending machine I've seen. #read #books



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SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUTS

Great book selection. I have read a few of these and they are great! - Go Green Baby

PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

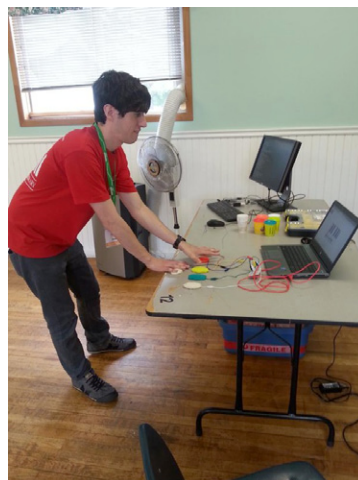
FAMILY FUN

Hundreds of programs for children and families were offered throughout the year. Storywalks at Lemoine Point and Oso Beach enticed families to explore a nature trail while enjoying pages of a story posted along their route. Performers, puppet shows and hands-on activities like our Toy Hack and LEGO Superbuild drew big crowds. We partnered with Canadian Families and Corrections Network to offer a Sesame Street-themed event for children dealing with the challenge of an incarcerated parent.



MAKER FAIRES & TECH PROGRAMMING

Raspberry Pi, Arduino, Makey Makey, 3D printing, stop-motion animation and other technologies were explored in hands-on classes. Mini Maker Faires in community halls in Sharbot Lake and Cloyne took our programs on the road, combining technologies with LEGO building, giant games and button-making. Our Technology Tutors also set up hands-on tech stations at the Cataraqui Town Centre, seniors' residences, local businesses and community agencies.



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Mini Maker Faire

Join the Kingston Frontenac Public Library for hours of maker fun.
Explore 3D printing, button making, duct tape art, arduinos, makey makeys, & raspberry pi!

Friday, July 3
Oso Hall, Sharbot Lake
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
All ages. Drop in.

Friday, August 14
Barrie Township Hall, Cloyne
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
All ages. Drop in.

Create Hack Build 3D Print

SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUTS

Thanks again for the wonderful session! - Empire Life

PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Young adults gathered in our branches and local pubs for Books & Beers for Twentysomethings, the Young Professionals Networking Mixer & Pitch Party, Pub Trivia Nights, Buffy the Vampire Slayer Sing-Along, and our first Adult LEGO Night.

Youth and community agencies worked with us to host our Respect the Pink anti-bullying conference, BEADS workshops on the refugee experience and our Career Cruising Carnival.

Programs like Reading Buddies and Coder Dojo brought high school and post-secondary students, as well as community experts, together with younger members of the community to share skills and encouragement.

Our New Adult Advisory Board and Teen Advisory Groups at Central, Isabel Turner, Calvin Park and Pittsburgh branches worked with us throughout the year to improve KFPL programs and services. They were instrumental in developing some of our most successful programs.



Good morning! I went to the Buffy sing-along last night and I just wanted to say that it was AMAZING in every way! I loved the people involved, who put this together for us, and the event was the most fun thing I've done in a while! I wish our library in Ottawa did those things too because it was great to be involved in the library, a place that I love, with like-minded people. Thank you for a very awesome night! Let's do it again please! Have a great day!! - Kyla

HOW TO FAIR

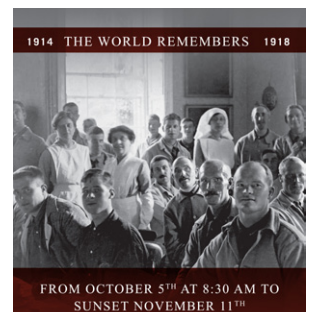


Visitors explored a variety of new skills and chatted with experts on a wide-range of topics from juggling to changing a flat bicycle tire to saving energy in their homes.



WORLD REMEMBERS

Digital projections at our Central and Isabel Turner Branches commemorated the fallen soldiers of the First World War. Names of those lost in 1915, serving from countries across the globe, appeared on the screen for a few moments between October 5 and November 11.



SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUTS

Thanks for spreading the word! Pun intended. - Andr a P.

PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

FRONTENAC 150

We celebrated with residents of Frontenac County, bringing hands-on technology and games to their birthday celebrations in Harrowsmith and increasing programming in communities across the County. Cloyne and Sharbot Lake hosted summer Maker Faires. Children in Sharbot Lake enjoyed several March Break and summer programs. Supported by the Province of Ontario through the Seniors Community Grant Program, we launched book discussion groups at our Cloyne, Sharbot Lake and Wolfe Island Branches.



IN THE COMMUNITY

We met you across Kingston and Frontenac County, indoors and out, taking programs outside our walls and answering your questions about your library.

- * Grand Opening of the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning
- * Storytimes before all Grand Theatre children's performances
- * Science Rendezvous
- * Get Active, Healthy and Safe Fair
- * St. Lawrence College
- * Sharbot Lake Farmers Market
- * Frontenac 150
- * Artfest
- * Kingscourt Neighbourhood Association community picnic
- * Princess Street Promenade
- * Teddy Bear Picnic
- * Multicultural Arts Festival
- * Queen's Graduate Student Resource Fair
- * Queen's Sidewalk Sale
- * Kingston Recreation and Leisure Showcase
- * Garrison Expo
- * Sydenham Street Revived
- * St. Lawrence College Speed Networking
- * St. Lawrence College Community Connect Day
- * Queen's Tour of the Town
- * Streets Alive



SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUTS

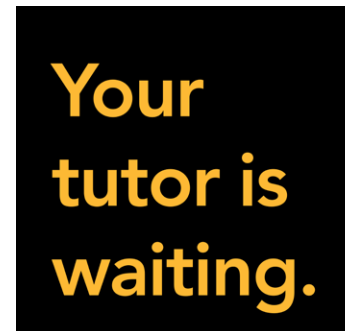
My children really enjoyed it! They can't wait for you to have another one! - Michaela S.

BRANCH OPERATIONS

LYNDA.COM & HOOPLA

More than 2,000 video courses were added to our digital collection through Lynda.com in January, helping our members enhance their skills for business, software, technology and creative endeavours.

Hoopla provides movies, television shows, audiobooks, music and graphic novels for library members to enjoy through their web browser or mobile device.



Training in:

- 3D
- Animation
- Audio
- Business
- Design
- Developer
- Home Computing



DIGITAL KINGSTON & WWW.KFPL.CA

We redesigned our local history portal to better display online exhibits like Story Me and provide better access to historic newspapers, city directories and more.



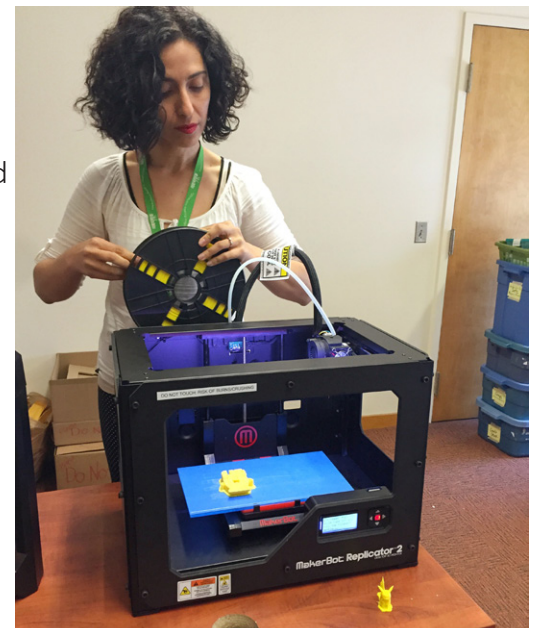
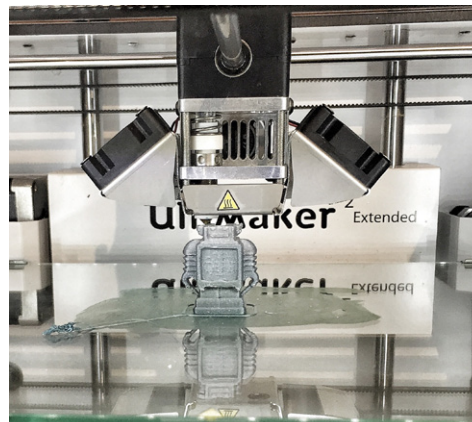
The responsive design of our updated website provides full-content access on mobile devices, with improved features and a continued focus on accessibility with tools like BrowseAloud and high contrast display.



3D & MOBILE PRINTING

Inspired by 3D printing classes and demos in our branches, library patrons submitted digital designs through our new 3D printing service to manufacture a range of decorative and practical objects.

Our Central Branch now offers remote-printing from any Internet connected PC or mobile device.



SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUTS

I was at Sam's Club yesterday and they have little 3-D printers for only 1299.00 I wonder how many they have sold. KFPL always innovative. - Ellen M.

FACILITIES & STAFF

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While most of the work was done in 2014 final completion on two capital projects at our Isabel Turner Branch, roof replacement and elevator repair/modernization were completed in 2015.

A updated Building Condition Report was completed for our Pittsburgh Branch and will be used for future capital planning of this branch.

Inter-library courier service figures were very close to last year's count just up slightly to 18,843 boxes moved in and out, for a total of 37,686 boxes. This represents approximately 1,130,580 books, movies, videogames and more moved in and out of our branches during 2015.



STAFF

At our development day, staff received more training on accessible technologies offered to patrons of KFPL, training on the Microsoft suite of products, training on the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and emergency procedures training from Kingston Fire & Rescue. Again this year a number of staff attended the Ontario Library Association conference in Toronto. With a focus on technological competencies, staff took advantage of Lynda.com to refresh their software skills. Also with the anticipated introduction of Windows 10 in the fall, staff received training on the new Windows from Artie Lane of St. Lawrence College. Demonstrating their ongoing commitment to learning and development, a number of staff (from branch operations to facilities) were the recipients of tuition assistance through the Friends of the Library Tuition Assistance Fund in 2015.



Going to the library is pretty wonderful in itself; and yet the people who staff the Kingston Libraries manage to make it really delightful. - Sandy S.

2015 STATISTICS

1,423,791

ITEMS BORROWED

150,733

QUESTIONS
ANSWERED

103,283

DATABASE
SEARCHES

700,132

VISITS TO
KFPL LOCATIONS

810,772

VISITS TO
THE WEBSITE

156,669

INTERNET/
WIFI USE

247,041

E-BOOKS,
E-AUDIOBOOKS
& E-RESOURCES

2,534

PROGRAMS
OFFERED

816

ROOM
RENTALS

41,671

PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS

1,676

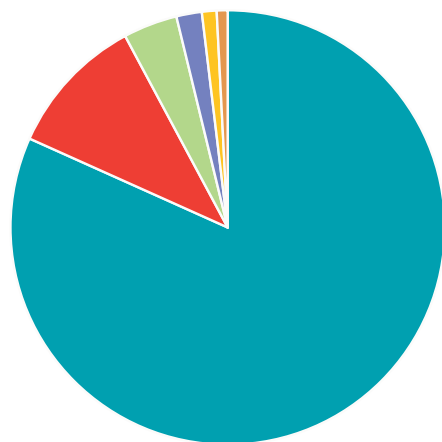
ITEMS BORROWED
THROUGH
INTERLIBRARY LOAN

	Patron Queries	Circulation	Internet/ WIFI use	People Entering
Arden	2,310	7,540	1,215	3,600
Calvin Park	25,834	245,484	32,336	143,795
Central	42,922	300,300	54,157	214,800
Cloyne	1,171	9,533	1,712	2,450
Hartington	3,534	10,645	486	3,050
Howe Island	195	2,823	24	1,050
Isabel Turner	31,449	364,731	47,812	222,040
Kingscourt	6,882	37,938	5,554	11,868
Mountain Grove	1,209	5,076	962	1,800
Parham	705	1,888	62	880
Pittsburgh	16,101	74,578	2,266	39,089
Plevna	868	3,284	1,561	900
Sharbot Lake	2,232	13,985	1,943	6,400
Storrington	1,811	11,187	577	3,900
Sydenham	7,650	41,769	4,583	31,025
Wolfe Island	1,594	11,115	1,419	5,600
System-Wide	4,266	281,915		
Total	150,733	1,423,791	156,669	700,132

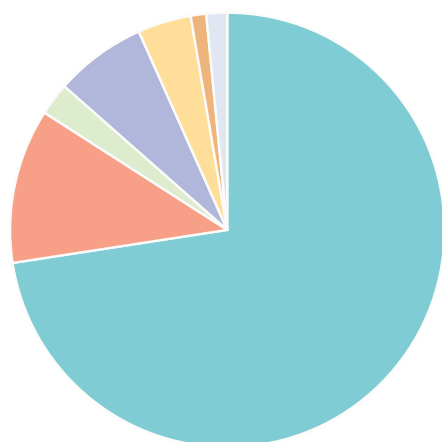


BUDGET & BOARD

2015 Operating Budget & Expenditures (*unaudited*)



■ 82%	City of Kingston	\$6,030,299
■ 10%	County of Frontenac	\$772,457
■ 4%	Province of Ontario	\$297,138
■ 2%	Room Rental, Fines, Photocopier	\$139,817
■ 1%	Other	\$80,766
■ 1%	Project Grants	\$59,636
Total Revenue		\$7,380,113



■ 73%	Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$5,363,897
■ 12%	Library Materials	\$849,265
■ 2%	Facility Related	\$179,111
■ 7%	Program Related	\$503,790
■ 4%	Utilities (including telephone)	\$293,537
■ 1%	Computers and Equipment	\$84,960
■ 1%	Surplus/(Deficit)	\$105,553
Total Expenditures		\$7,380,113

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