

Kingston Frontenac Public Library

2022 Annual Report



Message from the CEO

2022 was a year of renewal at the Kingston Frontenac Public Library. Emerging from the uncertainty and restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, systemic issues of racism, social equity, intellectual freedom, accessibility and social isolation were front of mind. As our communities shifted to pandemic recovery, Library staff and Board members worked steadily to identify how community needs have changed and how the Library should continue to evolve in response.

To that end, much of the year was spent reconnecting and engaging with our communities – evaluating the Library's physical spaces, setting strategic directions and affirming our commitment to reconciliation. Equipped with a renewed long-term vision for our facilities, with new mission, vision and values statements, and with new strategic directions that demonstrate our commitment to our communities, we are ready to face the future!

On behalf of everyone at the Library, thank you for responding when we asked for help, when we asked to partner, and when we asked you to help us imagine the possibilities.

Laura Carter, Chief Librarian/Chief Executive Officer



Programming, Collections and Services

- Cantook Station, a French eBook and eAudiobook service with over 9,000 titles, was added to enhance digital collections, and French print collections grew because of a generous donation of children's books from Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est (CECCE), who also partnered on monthly French-language programs.
- The Bookmarks program series, supported by the Friends of the Kingston Frontenac Public Library, and offered in partnership with Queen's University Library, showcased and celebrated thought-provoking authors, including Brian Thomas Isaac and Omar El Akkad.
- United Way of KFL&A's anti-stigma campaign raised awareness about the path to homelessness through social media, cardboard cutouts and community panels in our branches.
- My Kingston Day, in partnership with CBC Ottawa, featured artwork by Constance Intounas and Francisco Corbett, a lively artist discussion, a Create Space activation and a panel of community leaders alongside the first-ever live broadcast of All in a Day from Kingston.
- Repair Café Kingston moved their Repair It! program to the Central Branch Create Space, promoting sustainability by teaching people how to repair household items.
- The June Early Literacy Fair featured EarlyON and other community partners, promoting Every Child Ready to Read principles with engaging activities.
- Pride Month highlighted a diverse range of voices and stories, including a Drag Queen Storytime. Kids and adults snapped up Pride kits, and the FUSE Youth Group supported teen take-home kits.

Library Facilities and Operations

- Loving Spoonful developed a Community Harvest garden at the Calvin Park Branch.
- This year brought us a new Library Facilities Plan and a new Strategic Plan.
- Three Things Consulting guided the development of a Statement of Solidarity and Acknowledgement with learning and input by staff, Board members and Indigenous community members.
- A second Library Kiosk was added to expand service in the community. Located at Kingston Secondary School, it allows patrons to browse, borrow and return library materials.
- New membership categories were developed to provide greater access for library users without ID or a permanent address and to make it easier for high school students to get library cards.
- The historic Bishop's House, part of the Central Branch, received a refresh with a new roof, cornice restoration, window refurbishment and replacement, masonry repointing and stone replacement.



Your Library, Your Story

964,631

Physical items
(including renewals)

1,331,362

Total items borrowed in branch, at
kiosks, from cloudLibrary, Hoopla,
Kanopy, PressReader, Flipster

366,731

Digital items

"Thank you for being there all through the pandemic, without wavering, without complaint. The library is a lifeline for me and one of our last honour systems. It truly makes a difference in so many lives."

"As a daily reader, I'm always reading a KFPL book. There's not a day that goes by where KFPL isn't playing a role in my life."

"I'm so proud to live in a city with libraries that support the Ontario Human Rights report. Reading opens doors of opportunity!"

The Kingston Frontenac Public Library acknowledges that our work takes place on the traditional territories of the Algonquin, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Huron-Wendat and is home to Shabot Obaadjiwan First Nation, one of ten communities that make up the Algonquins of Ontario. We acknowledge the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and recognize that our region is home to First Nations, Métis and Inuit from across Turtle Island, as well as Indigenous Peoples from other areas of the world.



**Read the full Statement
of Solidarity and
Acknowledgement**

168,814 eBooks
borrowed

83,340 eAudiobooks
borrowed

17,265 items borrowed
on Hoopla

9,190 films viewed
on Kanopy

6,820 magazines read
on Flipster

81,302 issues accessed
in PressReader

"Just took a moment to savour this completely beautiful community garden Loving Spoonful has put up with volunteers outside my KFPL branch, Calvin Park.... Beautiful for so many reasons."

2022 Statistics



2022 Operating Budget & Expenditures (unaudited)

2022 Library Board

Dr. Mark Asberg (July to December)
Kingston City Council

Kate Betts-Wilmott
Kingston City Council

David Kerr
Kingston City Council

Mark Kerr
Kingston City Council

Councillor Robert Kiley
Kingston City Council

Kamryn Marsh (January to April)
Kingston City Council

Louise Moody
Frontenac County Council

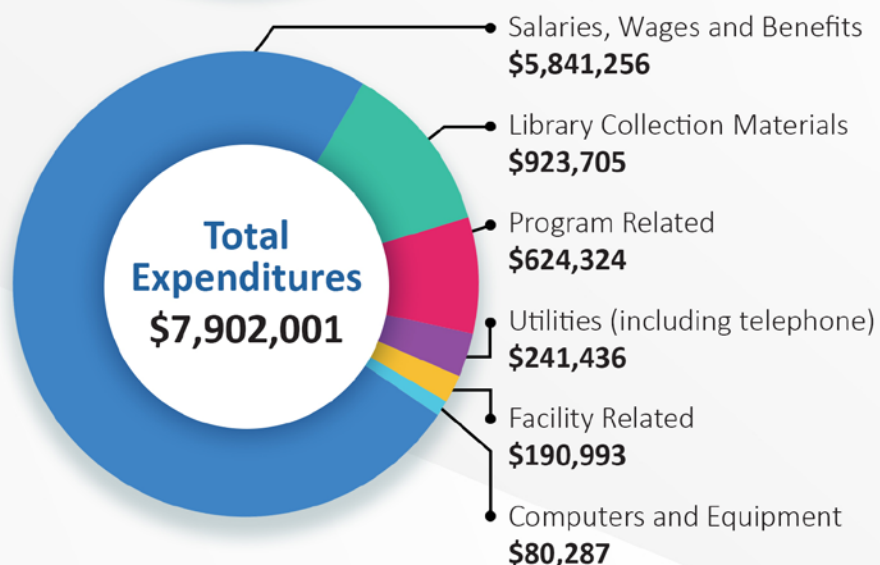
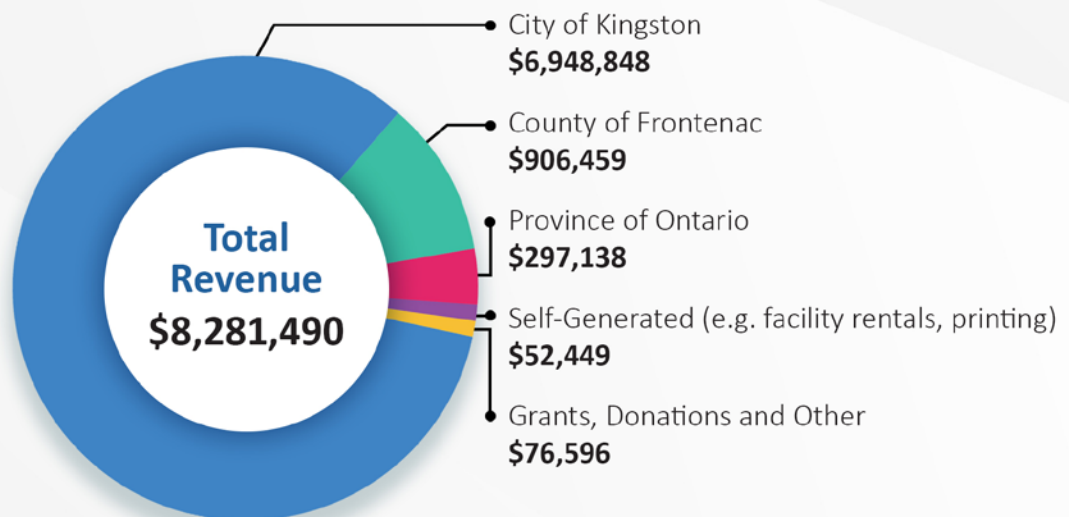
Natalie Nossal (Vice Chair)
Frontenac County Council

Councillor Alan Revill
Frontenac County Council

Jennifer Ross
Kingston City Council

Monica Stewart (Board Chair)
Kingston City Council

Bhavana Varma
Kingston City Council



Surplus/(Deficit)

\$379,490