



# Kingston Frontenac Public Library Annual Report





# Social Media Shout-Outs



*@KFPL Thank you for the passes to enter the National Art Gallery of Canada! Great family weekend adventure in Ottawa for #canada150!  
– @MadameLasko*

*So grateful to the interlibrary loans dept @KFPL! They found me an out-of-print book that isn't for sale \*anywhere\*. – @yinglee*

*Thanks @KFPL for hosting us this morning! It was so great to see all that the public library has to offer our community #ldsb – @iMrLowry*

*@KFPL @evilplasticfork Just signed up for @HooplaDigital. Wouldn't have known about it if it wasn't for you fine folks. – @koopy*

*We went on our first @KFPL StoryWalk today at Lake Ontario Park and loved it!  
– @EduScribblings*

*Lego night @KFPL was so much fun! #library #lego #watermelon – @pikku282*

*Discovering my son and I read over 500 books this year makes me feel better about the amount of Curious George and Paw Patrol we've watched! @KFPL – @MrsCatieFitz*

*Today I had the blessing of receiving some free merchandise from the @KFPL. I totally encourage Kingstonians and all Canadians to open a membership card & indulge in their amazing services & activities. It's never too late to learn! – @ramsesmorales99*

*We are so honoured to be shortlisted for the 2017 Angus Mowat Award for our partnership with @KFPL! #ygk #kingston #ygtklove – @juvenisfest*

*So . . . not only does @KFPL have a 3D printer. They will deliver your item(s) to the nearest branch! #YGK – @evilplasticfork*

*Picked up a free Provincial Park Pass @KFPL for @CentralFrontenac. Can you guess where our adventures #inFrontenac will take us this weekend?  
– @jasmini64*

*Great "stories in the park" in @cityofkingston today! Thx Laurie! #Fun #KeepOurPublicLibraries @KFPL @KawarthaLibrary @kawarthlakes  
– @MikePerry2015*



# Sherlocked

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We celebrated the iconic literary detective Sherlock Holmes during ***Sherlocked***, a week of special events in May. Leading up to a Holmes mini-convention, fans enjoyed escape rooms, explored modern forensics, viewed a pop-up museum, and challenged each other in Holmes trivia. Many thanks to the Kingston Police, Improbable Escapes, the Pump House Steam Museum, the Museum of Health Care, The Alibi, and our New Adult Advisory Board for helping make the event a success, and to our sponsors, the Friends of the Library.





# Explore #InFrontenac



Partnering with the County of Frontenac, Ontario Parks and Little Cataraqui Conservation Area, we added Explore #InFrontenac backpacks to our lending collection. Each backpack contains a day pass to a local provincial park or conservation area, along with maps, animal and plant identification guides, and other information to help plan a day of adventure. This project was jointly sponsored by our partners and the Friends of the Library.





# Music, Theatre and More



Sponsored by our Friends of the Library, we welcomed families to a variety of exciting performances and workshops throughout the year. Highlights of 2017 included Sonshine and Broccoli, the Barefoot Players, Par-T-Pets, the Thousand Islands Playhouse, Live History, Tim Holland the Puppet Tamer, Diane Dawber and Pat Wilkinson, Mary Lambert, Shoestring Opera, Science Quest, Red White & Wow Magic Show, Peter Puffin, Radical Science, and Gerry Mitchell.





# Farewell to Our Kingscourt Branch

## remembering Kingscourt

Our Kingscourt Branch will be closing its doors this fall. To commemorate the branch's 58 years of service, we are creating a book of memories and photographs.

Do you fondly recall puppet shows and children's performers?

Meeting friends and neighbours? Connecting with library staff?

Share your favourite memories of the Kingscourt Branch with us!



Ask staff for a submission form or go to

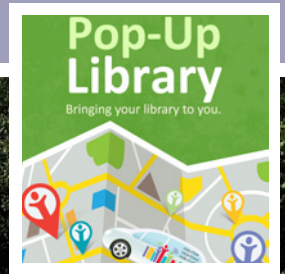


In September our Kingscourt Branch closed its doors in preparation to move library service to the new Rideau Heights Branch. The community gathered to celebrate and reminisce about 58 years of library service at this location, enjoying one final children's performance by Peter Puffin.





# Pop-Up Library



Beginning in September, we set up weekly pop-up service at the Kingston Police Headquarters, the Memorial Centre and Rideau Heights Public School. Patrons were able to browse materials, pick up reservations and access the Internet. This interim service was put in place to bridge the gap in library service in North Kingston while construction for the new Rideau Heights Branch is completed.





## Reaching Out in Rideau Heights

Library staff began to offer regular children's and youth programming in the Rideau Heights neighbourhood, beginning with **STEM Start** in the spring, followed by weekly summer **Stories in the Park**. In the fall, **STEM Punks**, **LEGO My Library** and **Family Storytime** were offered weekly at Rideau Heights Public School. The branch's inaugural Teen Advisory Group formed in the fall, in partnership with Pathways to Education at the Kingston Community Health Centres, and offered their first program in December.



## New Children's STEM Programming

Building on the success of **Coder Dojo**, we developed two new programs to help younger children explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics concepts. In **STEM Start** (for ages 3-5) and **STEM Punks** (for ages 6-9), children discover the library's exciting non-fiction collections and participate in hands-on experiments and learning activities.

The Friends of the Library sponsored these new programs, funding the purchase of educational toys and equipment.



## Partnerships



Frontenac Heritage Foundation • KFL&A Public Health • Kingston Historical Society • Kingston Indigenous Language Nest

• Kingston Literacy and Skills • National Aboriginal Day Committee • Ontario Genealogical Society (Kingston Branch) •

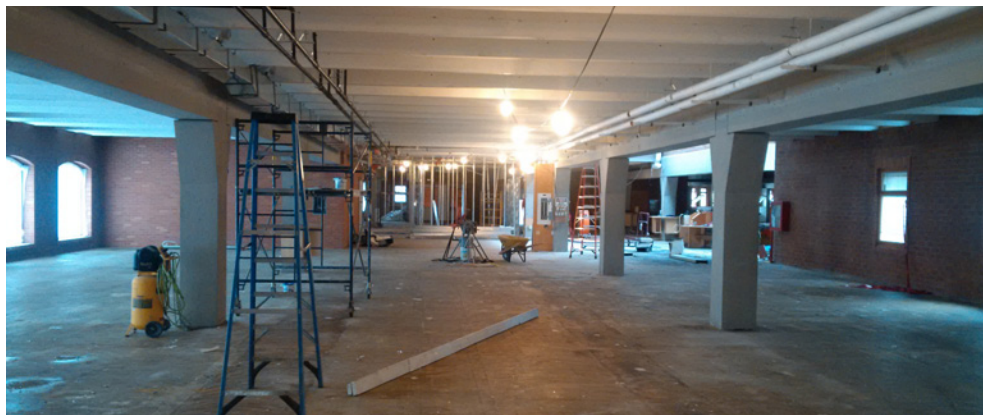
7 Pittsburgh Historical Society • Refugee Service Providers Network • United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada



# Central Branch Renovation Project

2017 was a busy year for KFPL Facilities and Branch Operations staff, with two major construction projects underway.

Renovations started at the Central Branch in the Spring. Since the electrical, heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems all needed to be replaced, the branch is also undergoing a complete interior renovation. Expected to re-open in the summer of 2018, the renovated branch will be fully accessible and feature a variety of spaces for learning and study, play, creation and collaboration.



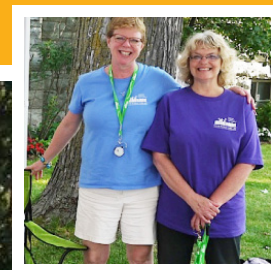
# Rideau Heights Branch Building Project

Construction continued on the new Rideau Heights Community Centre and Library on MacCauley Street. Attached to the Rideau Heights Public School, this community hub is part of the City of Kingston's Rideau Heights Regeneration Strategy and will feature social, recreation and learning opportunities for people of all ages.





# Outreach Events



Alan Detweiler Nursery School • An Clachan Meet and Greet • ALCDSB Literacy Camp • Better Beginnings •  
 Bon Echo Art Exhibition and Sale • Bug Safari – Little Cataraqui Conservation Area • Community Services Fair  
 – Regiopolis-Notre Dame • Earth Day Celebrations – CRCA • Frog Night Hike – CRCA • Grand Theatre KidStage  
 Workshops • Kingscourt Community Association Spring into Summer • K&P Trail Grand Opening •  
 Memorial Centre Farmers' Market • Multicultural Arts Festival • Ontario Early Years Centres •  
 Parent and Family Literacy Centres Year-End Celebration • Parham Fair • Princess Street Promenade •  
 Sydenham Lakes and Trails Festival • Pride Community Fair • Relay For Life – Westbrook • Science Rendezvous  
 • Sharbot Lake Farmers' Market • Skeleton Park Arts Festival • Queen's University Shinerama Sidewalk Sale •  
 Queen's University Graduate Student Welcome Fair • Winterlight – MacLachlan Woodworking Museum •  
 Winter Carnival in Rideau Heights • Wolfe Island Community Garden

... and visits to several schools in the Limestone District School Board and the  
 Algonquin Lakeshore Catholic District School Board





# Culture Days 2017

We joined City of Kingston staff and key community partners to develop a weekend of arts and heritage events for Kingston's annual Culture Days celebrations. Our Isabel Turner Branch hosted Blue Canoe Productions, whose youth actors brought storybook characters to life in ***Popping Off the Page***. Capping the weekend, we teamed up with the Kingston Poetry Collective to surprise Memorial Centre Market shoppers with ***Random Acts of Poetry***.



## Encouraging Creative Youth

We launched two new programs to engage teens in hands-on creativity. ***Get the Lead Out*** gathers youth artists and writers, while ***Monthly Maker Madness*** allows teens to explore technology and crafting. Our Teen Advisory Groups at Calvin Park, Pittsburgh, Isabel Turner and Rideau Heights bring teens together on a variety of projects to support KFPL, and members host a variety of teen and family programs throughout the year.

***Literary Mystery Night***

***Teen Oscar Party***

***Step Right Up to Spring:  
Carnival-Style Fun and Games***

***Mystic Aurora Riddle Night***

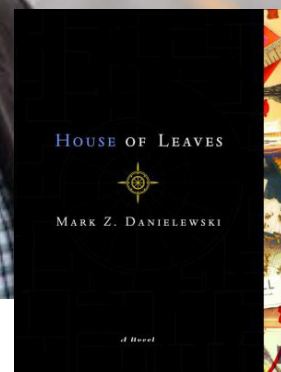
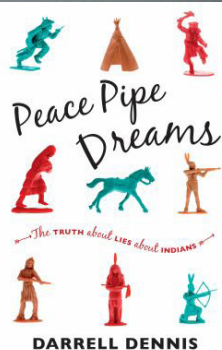
***Pirate Games Night***

***Reindeer Games***

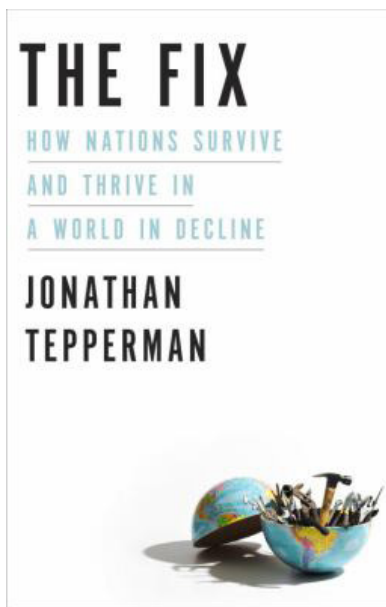
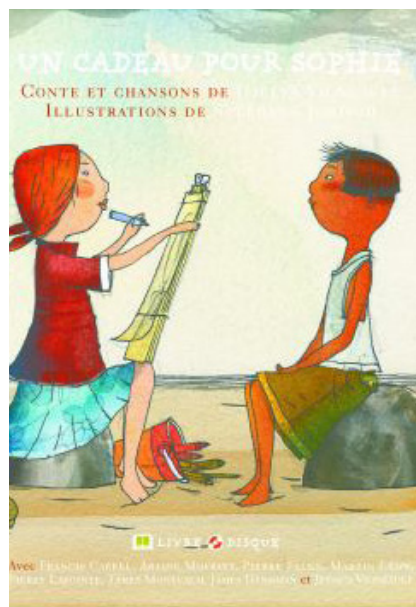




# A Community of Readers



KFPL joined CBC Radio Ontario Morning's book columnists, sharing monthly reading recommendations on a wide range of themes and topics. During our Canadian Library Month celebrations in October, we turned the tables, gathering recommendations from well-known members of our community, who shared the books that inspire, inform, encourage and excite them.





## KFPL Library Board of Directors Meet & Greet Tour

Members of the KFPL Board and senior staff visited our Cloyne, Sharbot Lake and Sydenham branches in July to meet with the community and see the impact of rural library service first-hand.



## Facilities

### Isabel Turner Branch

A new card swipe entry system was implemented at Isabel Turner Branch to help protect the Library assets within the facility and to standardize security throughout the system. Work was also completed on both the heating and cooling systems to increase efficiency of the equipment and prolong the life of the existing infrastructure.

### Kingscourt Branch

The Facilities Division organized the removal of the furnishings and books from the Kingscourt site, for storage at the St. Remy warehouse.

### Calvin Park Branch

A new card swipe entry system was implemented at Calvin Park to help protect the Library assets within the facility and to standardize security throughout the system.

### Pittsburgh Branch

Started the process for a Needs Assessment for Library Services in Kingston East.

### Mountain Grove Branch

Mountain Grove residents celebrated the grand opening of our new space at the end of March. Sharing a building with the fire department, the branch is bright and fresh.

### Courier Service

With the temporary closing of Central Branch, the Inter-branch courier service moved 22,850 boxes in and out of library spaces, for a total of 45,700 boxes moved. This represents an increase in services of 22.9% over quantities moved in 2016.



## Staffing

### CUPE Local 2202

In 2017, a first collective agreement was successfully negotiated for a new CUPE bargaining unit, CUPE Local 2202.01, representing Pages at KFPL. The agreement expires in March 2019.





# 2017 Statistics

**632,305**  
Visitors



**56,043**  
Library  
Card Holders

**5,263**  
New  
Members



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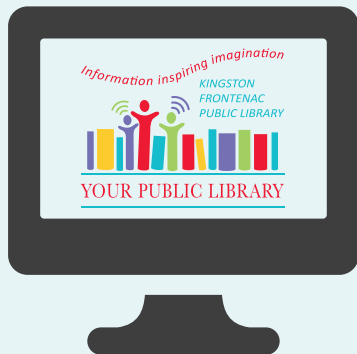
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**1,224,481**  
Items Borrowed

**864,956**  
Visits  
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**138,389**  
Digital Checkouts



**Top Album**  
**÷(Divide)**  
by Ed Sheeran

**Top eBook**  
**Girl on the Train**  
by Paula Hawkins

**Top Audiobook**  
**Leaving Time**  
by Jodi Picoult

**Top Movie**  
**Girl on the Train**

**Top Magazine**  
**The Economist**



**12,035**  
Magazines  
downloaded on  
RBdigital



**135,398**  
Internet/WiFi Uses



**Top Book**  
**Never Never**  
by James Patterson



**Top DVD**  
**Sully**



**Top Language**  
**Learned Online**  
**German**



**38,445**  
Program  
Participants



**45,700**  
Inter-Branch  
Courier Boxes Moved



# Statistics

	Patron Queries	Items Borrowed	Internet/WiFi Use	Visitors
Arden	2,286	7,027	1,694	1,900
Calvin Park	37,979	284,559	43,938	193,055
Cloyne	1,565	8,215	2,619	1,850
Hartington	3,582	8,597	687	3,100
Howe Island	304	3,081	148	1,300
Isabel Turner	36,717	385,222	60,321	254,837
Kingscourt	2,629	22,331	2,286	15,370
Mountain Grove	444	3,866	738	2,029
Parham	1,205	3,597	232	1,354
Pittsburgh	13,547	82,506	2,933	45,251
Plevna	1,234	3,952	1,789	1,200
Sharbot Lake	2,035	12,697	2,167	5,200
Storrington	1,395	9,190	540	2,950
Sydenham	5,758	42,247	4,245	28,132
Wellington	16,154	60,495	9,660	75,527
Wolfe Island	1,429	10,807	1,397	4,650
Pop-Up Library	364	577	4	1,150
System-Wide	5,600	275,515		

\* The Kingscourt Branch closed on September 16 and the Pop-Up Library began operation on September 18.



# Totals

## 134,227

Patron Queries

## 1,224,481

Items Borrowed

## 135,398

Internet/WiFi Use

## 632,305

Visitors

## KFPL Board 2017

### Trustee

Barbara Aitken  
Judith Brown  
Ralph Gatfield  
Wilma Kenny  
Councillor Jim Neill  
John Purdon

### Appointing Body

Kingston City Council  
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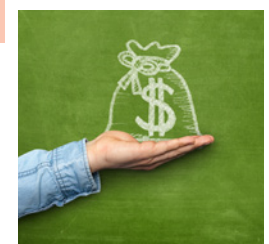
Claudette Richardson  
Somnath Sinha  
Monica Stewart  
Catherine Tang  
Mayor Ron Vandewal

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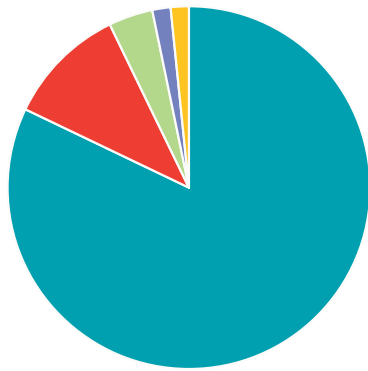
## Our Funders

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 that of the Friends of the Library and the many donors who help to fund programs and other initiatives outside the scope of our operating budget.

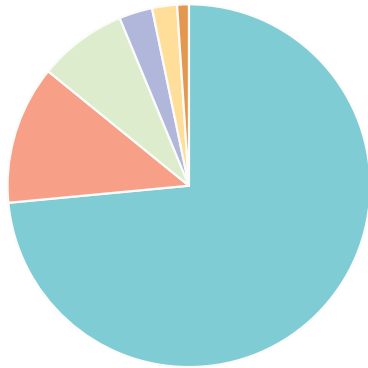




# Operating Budget & Expenditures *(unaudited)*



City of Kingston	\$6,193,212
County of Frontenac	\$807,618
Province of Ontario	\$297,138
Room Rental, Fines, Photocopier	\$123,269
Other	\$121,714
Project Grants	\$28,519
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,571,470</b>



Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$5,335,776
Library Materials	\$897,809
Program-Related	\$573,656
Utilities (including telephone)	\$215,504
Facility-Related	\$161,244
Computers and Equipment	\$75,813
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,259,802</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$311,668

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