



Kingston Frontenac Public Library

2019 Annual Report

“Thank you @kfpl for such a rich collection of books that are available to all of us citizens! #books #booklover #ygc #library”

Information inspiring imagination

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PUBLIC LIBRARY



YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY



**KFPL (Kingston
Frontenac Public Library) is a
much-needed resource for
so many communities in
the Kingston area.
I love my library**

– KFPL Patron



Patrons at the Calvin Park, Pittsburgh, Sydenham and Isabel Turner branches and the Artillery Park pop-up library worked together over the winter months to create hand-knit scarves that were donated to the Kingston Street Mission.

Community Scarf Knitting Project

Tech Tutors

After consultations with Frontenac Community Futures Development Corporation and Frontenac Economic Development we launched a pilot project to provide Tech Tutors in Sharbot Lake and Sydenham, as well as regular technology-focused workshops in Sydenham. The project was a success and Tech Tutors are continuing to provide technology assistance at the Sydenham Branch.

#InFrontenac

Central Branch Grand Re-Opening

We welcomed more than 2,000 patrons at the much-awaited re-opening of our Central Branch on March 23, many of them having taken advantage of free rides on Kingston Transit in support of the occasion. The project was honoured with a **George Muirhead Heritage Award** by Downtown Kingston! in recognition of our historically sensitive renovation.



There were lineups around the block, and some of the over 2,000 people returned again on Sunday to keep exploring! Suffice it to say, it seems like #ygk is happy to have the Central Branch of @KFPL back and better than ever!



We teamed up with the MacLean Trail Community Garden for a new outdoor program. Children and caregivers enjoyed stories and songs, followed by a chat and hands-on gardening with volunteers.

Stories in the Garden

Technology Upgrades

New event management and room booking software was introduced in the spring. The new system is more user-friendly and has a create-your-own-brochure option for patrons who want a customized flyer of upcoming events.

Rainbow of PRIDE

Rainbow Storytime, a Pride-themed Books & Beers gathering, and a Pride Clothing Workshop for teens made for a colourful celebration during Pride Month.



“Yesterday our library celebrated pride month by reading some friendly books and face-painting for the kids. I just wish kingston was like this while I was growing up in a gay family. Just blessed my children can feel safe here #KingstonOntario #Pride @KingstonPride #LGBT @KFPL

Rainbow Storytime

In a typical week at KFPL...

TYPICAL WEEK

14,889

people visit a branch



& borrow **24,474** traditional items

plus **4,328** electronic items.

1,033 people attend a

program or special event.



“#community building at its best! Public #library hosts #intergenerational storytime at #seniors residence. Everyone benefits. Stimulation, joy, purpose, connection. Beautiful. WTG @KFPL in #ykg #Kingston #Ontario #healthcare #Ageing”

“A new selection of books from @KFPL & my ENG1P students were engrossed in their reads. The effort to canvass interests, source the books, & provide choice after sharing options via book talks (all very doable and fun!) is SO worth it for the resulting engagement. Thx”

COMPUTERS

The public access computers



are utilized **1,059** times, and

the WiFi is accessed **1,745** times.



STAFF



Staff are asked **4,595**

reference questions, plus **142**

reader's advisory questions,

and they receive **317** requests

for technology assistance.



What did you do with your free library card in 2019?

YEAR-END STATS

63,326 of you used your library card
and **6,938** are new members.



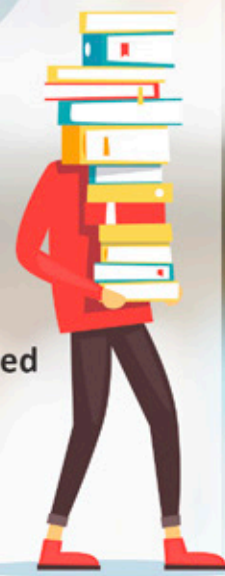
You visited our website **1,150,484** times.



You checked out **1,260,345** traditional items.



47,013 people attended
1,970 programs.



You connected to
our Internet/WiFi

145,897
times



20,218
Courier boxes moved
in and out of branches

**Becoming by
Michelle Obama**
was your top e-audiobook download

Past Tense by Lee Child
was your top e-book download

Beautiful Boy
was your top movie on Hoopla

Lover by Taylor Swift
was your top album streamed on Hoopla

The New Yorker
was your top digital magazine



You borrowed
221,332
digital items.

YEAR-END STATS

Constellations

Gender: Your Guide with Lee Airton



The successful talk by climate and social justice activist Aric McBay tested the waters for the launch of Constellations, a new series conceived and developed in partnership with our New Adult Advisory Board. Late 2019 talks included Dr. Lee Airton's exploration of gender and a fermentation workshop with Prince Edward County's Pyramid Ferments.

Constellations

Museum Exhibitions

We partnered with the Museum of Health Care to present *Struggle Without Rest*, an exhibition commemorating the devastating Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918-19. An ongoing partnership with Kingston Area Museums, Galleries and Historic Sites will see quarterly mini-exhibits in the Central Branch through 2019-2020.

Kick and Push

Kingston's popular fringe theatre festival brought their production of *Stupidhead!* into our Central Branch in July. Our Gather Space was transformed into a rehearsal space and theatre for a week, drawing new audiences into the building.



Deaf Spirit Theatre



A unique Culture Days partnership brought a theatre troupe founded by members of Kingston's Deaf community into the Central and Isabel Turner branches. The show featured storytelling and skits exploring Deaf culture and was translated for hearing audiences.



A great trip to the Calvin Park branch of @KFPL this morning. Thanks for helping us learn about the library and answering our questions about how to take books home to read! @LCVI_LDSB #community #readinglife





Children's French-language programming expanded in 2019. PA Day and summer programs included singalongs and puppetry workshops. Adult audiences welcomed a series in partnership with ACFOMI. Une Ville, Deux Realites explores various cultural themes, featuring a speaker from each of the anglophone and francophone communities.

French Programming

New Chief Librarian/CEO Appointed

After a nation-wide recruitment process, the Board of the Kingston Frontenac Public Library announced the appointment of Laura Carter to the position of Chief Librarian/Chief Executive Officer, effective December 1. Laura joined KFPL in 2006 as the Training Librarian and most recently held the role of the Director, Branch Experience.

Preserving Our Languages for the Next Seven Generations

Queen's University, the Kingston Indigenous Language Nest, Tsi Tyonnheht Onkwawenna Language and Cultural Centre and KFPL co-hosted a two-day celebration of Indigenous language reclamation. Following a Friday keynote talk and traditional meal, participants launched a busy Saturday with a sunrise ceremony that set the tone for discussion panels, talking circles, language workshops and a children's storytime.



Drag Queen Storytime

Local drag queen Rowena Whey joined us for our first-ever Drag Queen Storytime in December. Families enjoyed LGBTQ-focused stories and songs in a safe, welcoming space.



This was a fantastic experience! My son and I constantly talk about there being so many different kinds of families, but rarely have the opportunity in Kingston to be around non-traditional families. It's so important for him and other kids to have opportunities like this to celebrate diversity in so many ways!

Drag Queen Storytime



Our Arden branch was given a facelift, with a fresh coat of paint and new flooring and shelving. The patrons were delighted by the brightened space. New furniture will complete the renovation in early 2020.

Arden Branch Renovations

Juvenis Festival • King Con • Queen's University • Kingston Indigenous Language Nest

Tsi Tyonnheht Onkwawenna Language and Cultural Centre • Kick and Push Festival

Kingston Literacy & Skills • KFL&A Public Health • City of Kingston Cultural Services

Kingston Area Museums, Galleries and Historic Sites • Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

Ontario Parks • National Gallery of Canada • Ingenium • Museum of Nature • Rideau Trail Association

MacLean Trail Community Garden • Youth 2 KFL&A • Ontario Genealogical Society

Kingston Pride and Kingston Pride Youth Council • Compassionate Communities Kingston

Our 2019 Partners

Donations enable KFPL to provide services and collections outside the scope of our operating budget. Sixty people and community organizations generously donated \$46,637.30 in 2019 and in doing so have enriched the lives of many in Kingston and Frontenac County.

Major donations received from the Friends of the Library and from Ian and Shirley Sibbald are gratefully acknowledged.

The opening of the Central Branch in 2019 provided another opportunity to celebrate donations received from the Kingston Lions Club and in honour of Michael Dicketts.



Thank you to our donors

There's nothing quite like visiting a public library. A FEAST for the senses.



Trustee

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Appointing Body

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KFPL Board 2019

	Patron Queries	Items Borrowed	Internet/WiFi Use	Visitors
Arden	1,614	6,509	1,139	4,250
Calvin Park	11,397	253,103	35,132	176,573
Central	20,659	150,965	36,729	135,219
Cloyne	1,766	7,661	2,677	1,450
Hartington	2,092	8,266	564	2,550
Howe Island	468	2,712	217	1,000
Isabel Turner	29,982	358,064	51,531	243,333
Mountain Grove	471	2,729	379	1,000
Parham	2,440	3,521	125	1,720
Pittsburgh	5,755	72,970	2,994	42,699
Plevna	1,194	3,870	1,588	900
Rideau Heights	5,642	32,482	5,378	32,690
Sharbot Lake	2,693	12,522	2,555	4,050
Storrington	225	9,078	397	3,550
Sydenham	2,415	40,166	3,278	24,405
Wolfe Island	3,952	8,221	1,214	2,450
Mobile Library		625		
System-Wide	6,747	283,490		
Total	93,822	1,260,345	145,897	677,839



Statistics

“All right, sorry to stereotype, but I’m officially a nerd, getting old, or a combination of both, because my excitement for the day was heading to @KFPL to pick up these amazing reserves! The challenge will now be trying to read all of these in just 3 weeks.”

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.



Our Funders



- 82%
- 11%
- 4%
- 2%
- 1%

City of Kingston	\$6,509,613
County of Frontenac	\$850,282
Province of Ontario	\$297,138
Room Rental, Fines, Photocopier	\$124,356
Grants, Donations and Other	\$164,635

Total Revenue	\$7,946,024
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- 73%
- 12%
- 9%
- 3%
- 3%
- 1%

Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$5,702,982
Library Collection Materials	\$910,614
Program-Related	\$672,077
Utilities (including telephone)	\$273,043
Facility-Related	\$205,492
Computers and Equipment	\$75,347

Total Expenditures	\$7,839,554
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Surplus/(Deficit)	\$106,470
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2019 Operating Budget & Expenditures (unaudited)

Bringing #seniors and #children together can have a profound impact on both parties, allowing seniors the opportunity to socialize with the youngest generation, and children the opportunity to learn from those who've come before them.

Thank you @KFPL

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