

2015 by the numbers

3,982 active members

78,914 visitors

11,822 public computer sessions

79,820 books, magazines, DVDs, CDs borrowed

12,242 eBooks and e Audiobooks downloaded

394 children & youth programs, 6,000 participants

67 class visits from local schools, 1,436 students

443 adult programs, 3,447 participants

1,490 interlibrary loans received

1,728 interlibrary loans shipped out

Where did the money come from?

Municipality of Meaford: \$507,822

Province of Ontario: \$23,935

Project Grants: \$11,312

Donations: \$3,228

Library Revenue: \$11,270

Total: \$557,567

Where did the money go?

Salary and Benefits: \$401,585

Books and collection: \$37,117

Information Technology: \$45,460

Facility Costs: \$44,813

Other: \$28,592

Total: \$557,567

Owen Sound & North Grey Union

Public Library Contract: \$118,120

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Meaford Public Library 2015 Annual Report



Mission Statement

The mission of the Meaford Public Library is to open doors to a world of information, education and recreation, thereby enhancing the economic, social and cultural vitality of our community.

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2015 HIGHLIGHTS



- New Library Board inaugurated in January
- Staff presented Get Growing with a Seed Library session at the Ontario Library Association Super Conference
- The Friends of the Meaford Library donated a SMART TV and laptop for the Board Room
- Hosted TheatreKids workshops by Sandcastle Theatre for local youth
- Joined in the following community events - Family Day, March Break, Earth Week, Canada Day, PA Days, and the Scarecrow Invasion
- Presented local authors - Jake Doherty, Paul Osborn, and Judith Plaxton
- Partnered with the GBSS Born to Read program and Meaford Hall to host the free Gotta Keep Reading event with author Werner Zimmermann
- Library team won the Spring and Fall Rotary Trivia Nights including best theme for "Read the Walking Dead"

- Offered technology sessions - Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, eReader drop in, One-on-One Tech Help, Zinio How-To, Digital Camera, Navigating the NEW Library Catalogue, 3D printer demo, and Teen Tech
- Host location for the Canadian Volunteer Income Tax Program
- Introduced a collection of eMagazines through Zinio
- Added six laptops to the collection for in-library use
- Added fishing sets to the collection through the TackleShare program courtesy of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
- Coordinated the Views of Meaford Photo Contest with Economic Development staff
- Offered new programs at the Woodford Community Centre - Digital Camera Club, Growing Edible Mushrooms, Easter Story Time, and the Woodford Book Club
- Partnered with the OPP and the Meaford 55+ Club to host How to Spot a Scam
- Visited Community Living for monthly readings including a craft
- Offered an Ancestry and Genealogy Speakers Series with the Meaford Museum
- Participated in Write @ Your Library for local youth with Grey County libraries
- Launched new summer initiatives – Library Champion lawn signs, staff t-shirts, weekly Literacy Challenge at the elementary schools, and the Tech Craze Youth Camp
- Joined in Farmers' Market events with Story Tent and Fresh Picks

- Organized special guests at local schools - Meteorite hunter Patrick Herrmann, Metis culture with Heather Van Wyck, writing workshop with William Bell, and dog bite prevention with Vet Tech Kim Robertson
- Opened the new Tech Centre to offer one-on-one technology help
- Expanded the technology collection with laptops, tablets, charging cube, laminator, and portable scanner
- Participated in the Meaford Chamber of Commerce's Meaford Welcome event
- Launched the new Integrated Library System, KOHA
- Purchased a Little Bits premium electronics kit with libraries in the Saugeen Consortium
- Celebrated Ontario Public Library Week with innovative programs and events
- Participated in the Victoria Village Family Resource Centre Community BBQ
- Meaford Public Library's own Cindy LeDrew won Georgian Bay Reads
- Presented a Pop-Up Jersey Museum with former MPP Bill Murdoch
- Hosted the sold out author event with Elizabeth Hay at Meaford Hall
- Offered a Halloween Costume Swap
- Hosted Holiday programs - A Christmas Carol Reading, Centerpiece demo, Holiday Wreath, Card Exchange, 12 Days of Christmas After School Style, Elf on the Shelf, and Santa Visit
- Delivered a variety of book clubs – Leeky,

Woodford, Book Buzz, Meaford Reads, Men's, and Brown Bag

- Other literary programs held - Story Time, Forest of Reading, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, Family Literacy Day, TD Summer Reading Club, Adult Summer Reading, and Postcards for Peace
- Weekly Gatherings - Tinker Tuesday, Lego Club, Chess Club, Knitters, Scrabble, and Ted Talks
- Partnerships with community groups – Meaford BIA, Ontario Early Years, Meaford Chamber of Commerce, YMCA Employment Services, and Canadian Parents for French



Library Board

Peter Bantock, Chair
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 Leslie Ransom
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 Mike Poetker, Council Rep
 Harley Greenfield, Council Rep

Library Staff

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 Amy Jennison, Community Outreach
 Cindy LeDrew, Library Assistant
 Heather Ann Hanson, Library Assistant