

# 2016 by the numbers

4,037 active members

73,750 visitors

10,043 public computer sessions

83,256 books, magazines, DVDs, CDs borrowed

12,949 eBooks and e Audiobooks downloaded

350 children & youth programs, 5,020 participants

82 class visits from local schools, 1,654 students

334 adult programs, 3,134 participants

1,500 interlibrary loans received

1,950 interlibrary loans shipped out

## Where did the money come from?

Municipality of Meaford: \$525,778

Province of Ontario: \$23,935

Project Grants: \$10,575

Donations: \$2,747

Library Revenue: \$22,334

**Total: \$585,369**

## Where did the money go?

Salary and Benefits: \$416,015

Books and collection: \$42,343

Information Technology: \$43,630

Facility Costs: \$44,180

Other: \$39,200

**Total: \$585,369**

Owen Sound & North Grey Union  
Public Library Contract: \$117,123



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# Meaford Public Library 2016 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.

[www.meafordlibrary.on.ca](http://www.meafordlibrary.on.ca)

# 2016 HIGHLIGHTS



- Launched new eResources including Mango Languages and Novelist Select.
- Celebrated Love Your Library Month with exciting events and programs.
- Offered an Adult French Language Course with Canadian Parents for French.
- Organized the How-To in 10 Festival with Meaford Chamber of Commerce.
- Hosted bestselling Canadian suspense writer Linwood Barclay.
- Presented a session at the Ontario Library Association Conference on Koffee House Reads.
- Library Board finalized the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan.
- Prepared and presented *The Business of Libraries* slide presentation at the Meaford Chamber of Commerce.
- Celebrated Family Literacy Day with the Ontario Early Years Centre and Grey County Early Literacy Facilitator.
- Offered the La Fete de la Valentin Story Time with Canadian Parents for French.
- Hosted a Youth Entrepreneurship Week with Meaford Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development.
- Created Pysanky Eggs at the Woodford Community Centre.
- The Friends purchase a Button Maker to support programs.

- Hosted local authors for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Koffee House Reads series.
- Presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual family literacy event, Gotta Keep Reading with GBSS Born to Read and award-winning, Canadian author/illustrator Ruth Ohi.
- Celebrated National Canadian Film Day with REEL Canada's free viewing of *The Whale* at Georgian Bay Secondary School.
- Story Time and crafts at the Victoria Village Family Resource Centre BBQ.
- Hosted local authors - Donna Jansen, Ruth Garrett, Judith Somborac.
- Partnered with Ride on Bikes and introduced the new Book Bike.
- Coordinated the 3rd annual Views of Meaford Photo Contest with the Economic Development team.
- Distributed Library Champion lawn signs to the community.
- Offered an Introduction to Chalk Pastels workshop for teens.
- Nature & Me Story Time with the Grey County Early Literacy Facilitator at the Woodford Community Centre.
- *A Reading Champion* contest at local schools to encourage summer reading.
- Let's Get Moving! Story Time at the Woodford Community Centre with Parks & Rec Dept.
- Hosted the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program.
- Offered monthly health info sessions with Muxlow Pharmasave.
- Loose Leaf Tea info session with the Blue Mountain Tea Company.
- Hosted the Ontario Professional Planners Institute's Lego Community Planning session in the Junior Library.
- Continued monthly Story Time and crafts at Community Living.
- Introduced the *Paws for the Cause* program with Pet Valu.

- Outdoor Story Times at the Meaford Farmers' Market, McCarroll Park, and the Big Red Chairs.
- Offered a Pop-Up Library at the Meaford Farmers' Market.
- Hosted the Grey County Master Gardeners at the Sydenham Centre and the Woodford Community Centre.
- Weekly French Story Times with the Canadian Parents for French.
- *Learn About Pets* Story Time in partnership with Pet Valu.
- Celebrated Ontario Public Library Week with diverse events and activities.
- Hosted the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Georgian Bay Reads at Meaford Hall with 4 other libraries.
- Provided an internship for a Library Technician student from Mohawk College.
- Hosted the sold out event with General Roméo Dallaire at the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Division Training Centre in partnership with the Military Family Resource Centre.
- Launched HOOPLA media service, generously funded by the Friends.
- New MPL Instagram account added to our social media platform.
- Safe Winter Driving presentation with OPP Constable Alina Grelik at the 55+ Friendship Club.
- Meteorite Hunter Patrick Herrmann gave a fascinating presentation to students.
- Added Lego community pieces and Stikbots to our MakerSpace collection.
- Rare Book Collecting session with local enthusiast Dinah Shields.
- Former MPP Bill Murdoch and writer Ron Pegg celebrated Pegg's book *Bognor Bill: A Grey County Maverick*.
- Offered a wide selection of holiday & seasonal crafts throughout the year.

- Participated in community events: Family Day; Earth Week; Canada Day; Beautiful Joe Day; Meaford Fall Fair; Meaford Welcome; Scarecrow Invasion; and the Santa Claus Parade.
- Held a number of literacy programs- Story Time, Forest of Reading, TD Summer Reading, and the Summer Reading Challenge for adults.
- Led popular books clubs - Woodford, Men's, Meaford Reads, Brown Bag, and Leeky.
- Outreach services - Sydenham Centre, 55+ Friendship Club, Meaford Long Term Care Centre, Victoria Village Family Resource Centre, and Meaford Community Café.
- Social gatherings - Meaford Knitters, Photography Club, Chess, and Scrabble Clubs.



## Library Board

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