

Wollaston Public Library Annual Report 2021

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LIBRARY COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES

Despite the ongoing COVID – 19 Pandemic through 2021, the Wollaston Public Library continued to adapt its services to align with the Provincial and Local Public Health requirements.

As a result, the library was closed to the public for 36 weeks, and instead provided curbside pick up, along with online services through Overdrive and Inter Library Loans during these temporary restrictions. The following outlines the data on the core services we have been able to provide.

Average 134 in-person patron visits per month

Overdrive usage increased from 145 to 183 per month

Inter Library Loans increased from 13 to 18 per month

Average of 67 DVD's borrowed per month

24-hour Free Wi-Fi Access

Two Computers for Patron Usage

312 Active Card Users – 47 New Memberships

Office Services Include: Photocopying, Faxing, Printing, Scanning, Laminating

40 Home Deliveries

59 School Children have Library Cards

Increased Facebook Posts from 93 to 103

Increased Facebook Followers from 315 to 403

Increased Indigenous Collection

Puzzles Available for loan



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & SUPPORTS:

Held 8 Outdoor Reading Sessions for Coe Hill School Children

- Assisted patrons to access their vaccination documentation
- Promoted Laminating Hunting Tags
- Assisted Patrons with Access to Employment Services
- Assisted Patrons to apply for federal or provincial benefits
- Assisted Families who are Home Schooling their children
- Promoted & Advertised GOOD FOOD BAGS program increased from 45 to 343
- Distributed 23 Provincial Park Passes
- Participated in Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the Legion
- Hosted a Book Sale and partnered with the Coe Hill Riders ATV club who hosted a charity ride event to support the Wollaston Public Library and they raised \$ 1110.50
- Books sales raised \$504.00

PROGRAMMING:

The Library extends its appreciation and thanks to the Friends of Wollaston Public Library (FOWL) who provided \$1250.00 to support children's books and programming. Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 restrictions, FOWL members were not meeting. We were pleased to provide the following programming activities: Spring coloring books, flower and butterfly mosaic kits, valentine's day craft bag, Good in every grain seed kit, St. Patrick's day crafts, Christmas take and make painting ornament kits, Halloween candy guessing contest and blind date with a book. We also ran the TD summer reading program. (sponsored by TD Canada)

OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you to the Township of Wollaston for including IT supports in our 2021 Service Agreement. This allowed the library, to implement much needed safety and security protections on the CEO's Computer and 2 patron computers and the Wi-Fi system.

The CEO's system is now backed up and, in the future, we anticipate being able to report on usage of the Wi-Fi system.

In addition, the Township Staff has supported the library by sharing cleaning supplies and by dropping off bank deposits for the library.



GOVERNANCE ACHIEVEMENTS:

The Board was able to finalize and update the outstanding policies and procedures that needed review. It created a Volunteer Program & Policy. It has finalized and implemented all its Pay Equity obligations to ensure compliance with legislative requirements.

2022 ACTIVITIES

For 2022 the Library Board is working on updating its Strategic Plan and will be considering how it might support the Township in its endeavors to obtain a new Community Hub and Library.

COMMUNITY

The library would like to thank the many volunteers in the Community. The quality and reach of the Library services is enhanced every year with donations of time, skills, knowledge and funds.

Thank you to the Friends of the Wollaston Library, who sponsored several resources available at the library including our book collections and the public access computers.

Thank you to the Library Board members, who volunteer extra time to fund-raise and manage the pop-up book sales.

BOARD MEMBERS

2021

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