



# 2022

## ANNUAL REPORT

 LINCOLN PELHAM  
PUBLIC LIBRARY



## Message from the Board Co-Chairs Nicole Nolan and Donna Burton

As we reflect on 2022, we are thrilled with our union library system: Lincoln Pelham Public Library (LPPL). To create efficiencies and leverage our partnership via the Libraries in Niagara Cooperative, the joining of Lincoln and Pelham public libraries has been a notable example of how successful shared services can be! Through restructuring, we have been able to create fresh staff positions that help us more effectively serve our communities and develop new partnerships to expand our programming reach. Lincoln and Pelham residents love their library and remarkably successful fundraising events in 2022 have shown support for the library is high. We encourage you to visit one of our branches soon. You will be amazed at the wonderful array of services and resources available and the wide range of programs to inspire and engage you.

## Message from the Chief Executive Officer Julie Andrews

Looking ahead to 2023 and beyond, LPPL's stellar staff and new Library Board will be strategic planning. We are listening to you. Your feedback is vital, and our community survey will help us plan the services and resources that you depend on. We want to make sure our spaces are welcoming and help connect our communities and we hope to renovate our Fonthill and Rittenhouse branches to serve you better. We want the library to be accessible, so we are installing a book lending machine and after-hours pickup lockers and outfitting a bookmobile to bring the library to you! Thanks for your awesome support and stay tuned!



## 2022 Library Board Members

Donna Burton  
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*\*until September 2022*

# 2022

## by the numbers

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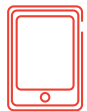
### Community Use

**287,378**

physical items  
borrowed

**179,563**

people visited  
the library



### Digital Use

**44,455**

eBooks downloaded

**21,217**

audiobooks downloaded

**6,515**

magazines downloaded



### Membership

**2,155**

people signed up  
for a library card

**9,610**

active cardholders



### Programming and Outreach

**26,903**

program attendees

**880**

programs offered

**5,400**

social media  
followers

# 2022 Highlights

## January

The libraries in Lincoln and Pelham eliminate fines to remove barriers for all and increase access.

## March

March Break was a huge success, with life-size Candy Land, Harry Potter Day, and STEAM activities at all branches.

## May

All LPPL branches hung red dresses on May 5 to bring awareness to Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (2SMMIWG).

## February

The first annual Adopt a Plant Day in Fonthill paired more than 100 people with a new houseplant to take home.

## April

On April 1, the library officially became Lincoln Pelham Public Library. The community greenhouse opened at the Rittenhouse Branch with an Earth Day celebration.

## June

A pollinator garden was planted in Vineland in partnership with the NPCA. The permanent StoryWalk® opened at Hilary Bald Park in Beamsville. Open houses celebrated the newly formed library system.



## July

The permanent StoryWalk® opened at Woodstream Park in Fonthill.

## September

LPPL marked Truth and Reconciliation Day with art workshops, wampum beading, and drumming provided by Music for the Spirit from Six Nations of the Grand River, in partnership with Downtown Bench Beamsville.

## November

Trivia Night returned at the Fenwick Firehall and raised \$4,500. Thanks to all businesses and volunteers who helped out!

## August

Summer reading wrapped up with barbecues in Fonthill and Beamsville celebrating 339,451 minutes read!

## October

The first event of the Books on the Bench author series with Adam Shoalts raised \$4,200. Thanks to our sponsors: The Jacob Senior Living, Vineland Foodland, and Calamus Estate Wines.

## December

The library announced the addition of snowshoes, C-pens, and CO2 monitors to the Library of Things.



# Grants and Community Support

## **Ontario Trillium Foundation**

\$146,900 toward book lockers for holds pickup and a book vending machine (installed in Pelham in 2023)

## **Wise Guys Charity Fund**

\$20,503 toward makerspace equipment in Beamsville and wifi hotspots

## **Pelham Art Festival**

\$12,000 toward future projects

## **Fleming Foundation**

\$10,000 toward library programs and services

## **Friends of Maple Acre**

\$9,896.85 toward tree carving and outdoor beautification at the Maple Acre Branch

## **GivingTuesday**

\$5,400 received from individuals

## **Niagara Community Foundation**

\$5,215 toward 3D printer in Pelham  
\$750 toward travelling puppet theatre (in partnership with Grimsby and West Lincoln Public Libraries)

## **Memorial Donations**

\$6,545 in memory of April Hewitt, Wendy Baarda, Barbara and Lloyd Toth, Jean Guy Narbonne and Jean McPhail used toward early literacy panels, materials for Lookout Ridge Retirement Residence, and the permanent StoryWalk at Hilary Bald Park in Beamsville

## **Kiwanis Club of Welland - Pelham**

\$2,500 toward enhancing the children's areas at the Pelham branches

## **Fonthill Lioness**

\$500 toward large print materials

## **Rotary Club of Fonthill**

\$500 toward children's materials

## **Beamsville Lions**

\$300 toward summer reading



# 2022 Financials



## Revenue

Municipal Grant	\$2,058,761
Provincial Operating Grant	\$83,468
Federal Grants	\$3,000
Fees, Fines, Rentals	\$29,000
Fundraising	\$29,500
DC Funds	\$52,750

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**\$2,256,479**

## Expenditures

Staffing Costs	\$1,762,475
Materials & Processing	\$234,298
Administration	\$164,800
Telephone & Internet	\$41,500
Programs & Promotion	\$20,800
Automated Systems & Software Support	\$16,500
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$16,106

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*\*Please note these numbers represent unaudited budget figures for 2022*

# BRANCH LOCATIONS

## **Fleming Branch**

5020 Serena Drive  
Beamsville  
905-563-7014

## **Fonthill Branch**

43 Pelham Town Square  
Fonthill  
905-892-6443

## **Maple Acre Branch**

781 Canboro Road  
Fenwick  
905-892-5226

## **Moses F. Rittenhouse Branch**

4080 John Charles Blvd  
Vineland  
905-562-5711

*Lincoln Pelham Public Library acknowledges this is the traditional lands and territories of the Hatiwendaronk, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabeg, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties (No. 3) and by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement.*

*Lincoln Pelham Public Library recognizes the contributions and stewardship of all Indigenous Peoples, including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit. We are committed to celebrating and sharing stories from Indigenous communities and creating space for education and dialogue as we collectively acknowledge hard truths and work toward reconciliation.*