

# LINCOLN PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY



2023

ANNUAL REPORT

# 2023

## by the numbers

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### Community Use

**294,676**

physical items  
borrowed

**213,355**

people visited  
the library



### Digital Use

**42,774**

eBooks downloaded

**21,814**

audiobooks downloaded

**11,202**

magazines downloaded



### Membership

**2,104**

people signed up  
for a library card

**10,990**

active cardholders



### Programming and Engagement

**21,828**

program attendees

**1,390**

programs offered

**1,410**

volunteer hours

# 2023 Highlights

## January

The Library of Things expanded with the addition of snowshoes, carbon dioxide monitors, and C-pen readers.

## March

The first One Book, One Niagara community read featuring *Care Of* by Ivan Coyote was held at Brock University.

## May

Microgalleries of The Canadian Library, an art installation to bring awareness to 2SMMIWG, were installed at two LPPL branches.

## February

The second annual Adopt a Plant Day in Fonthill and Beamsville paired more than 300 people with a new houseplant to take home.

## April

On April 1, the library celebrated one year as Lincoln Pelham Public Library with a customer appreciation event and the launch of a community survey.

## June

A new book lending machine, funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, opened at the Meridian Community Centre (MCC) in Fonthill. 459 books were borrowed between August and December.



## July

More than 200 people enjoyed the Downtown Beamsville StoryWalk®.

## September

LPPL marked Truth and Reconciliation Day with a virtual author visit and Inuit cultural programming, plus a community weaving with Métis artist Tracey-Mae Chambers.

## November

The first annual Local Author Showcase in Fonthill showcased the work of 19 Niagara-based writers.

## August

Summer reading wrapped up with barbecues in Fonthill and Beamsville celebrating 339,229 minutes read!

## October

Local author Adam Shoalts launched his latest book *Where the Falcon Flies* to a sold-out audience at the Books on the Bench author series.

## December

The Fleming and Maple Acre Branches hosted an interactive StoryWalk® of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*



# Grants and Community Support

## Desjardins Community Development Fund

\$25,000 toward bookmobile

## GivingTuesday

\$21,272 received from individuals that allowed for removal of fees for all children's and teen programs in 2024

## Books on the Bench Author Series

\$10,000 raised at two events featuring Perdita Felicien and Adam Shoalts

*Thanks to our supporters: Meridian, The Jacob Senior Living, Chartwell Retirement Residences: The Orchards, Good Earth Food and Wine Co., Vieni Estates, Foodland Vineland, Jarod Brandon, and BonnyBank B & B.*

## Pelham Art Festival

\$10,000 toward future capital projects

## Fleming Foundation

\$9,983 toward library programs and services

## Niagara Community Foundation

\$5,525 toward memory care kits to support individuals living with dementia

\$750 toward Indigenous educational programming, including a virtual author visit, Métis dot painting, and Moccasin Identifier kits

\$750 toward branded bags for the Visiting Library Service

## Rittenhouse Trust

\$5,000 for the creation of a memory lab at the Rittenhouse Branch

## Summer Reading

\$4,000 received in sponsorship from Kiwanis Club of Welland, Ontario Power Generation, Fenwick Lionettes, Beamsville and District Lions Club, and Beamsville Women's Institute.

## Oshki Wupoonwane | The Blanket Fund

\$2,300 from the Gord Downie Chanie Wenjack Fund toward Inuk presenter Muckpaloo Ipeelie during Truth and Reconciliation month



# 2023 Financials

## Revenue

Municipal Grant	\$2,089,358
Provincial Operating Grant	\$83,468
Fees, Fines, Rentals	\$31,028
Fundraising	\$11,610
DC Funds	\$72,750

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## Expenditures

Staffing Costs	\$1,789,729
Materials & Processing	\$191,210
Administration	\$110,858
Telephone & Internet	\$40,071
Programs & Promotion	\$17,615
Automated Systems & Software Support	\$86,677
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$52,054

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*\*Please note these numbers represent unaudited budget figures for 2023*



# 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.*