

# LINCOLN PELHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY



# 2024 --- ANNUAL REPORT

## WHO WE ARE

Lincoln Pelham Public Library (LPPL) formed as a union library in April 2022. The union library is a four-branch system with locations in Beamsville, Vineland, Fonthill, and Fenwick. Today LPPL provides shared services—including collections, services, and programs—to approximately 44,000 people residing in Lincoln and Pelham.

## 2024 - 2027 Strategic Plan

In 2024, LPPL launched its first strategic plan as a newly formed union library. This plan will guide the library for the next four years.



*Scan to read  
the strategic  
plan.*



### MISSION

LPPL builds connections. We actively create opportunities for groups and individuals to come together to learn, collaborate, and inspire each other.

### VISION

LPPL enriches lives with inclusivity, inspiration, responsiveness, and resilience.



# 2024 by the numbers

## Collections

**399,358 (+6%)**  
physical items borrowed

**106,091 (+23%)**  
digital items borrowed

**11,548 (+24%)**  
active cardholders

**2,761 (+24%)**  
new cardholders

## Services

**238,597 (+11%)**  
people visited the library

**11,000 (-21%)**  
people used public computers

**213,049 (-2%)**  
people accessed free WiFi

**75,855 (+23%)**  
website visits

## Programs

**1,292 (-8%)**  
programs delivered

**30,487 (+10%)**  
people attended programs

## Community Support

**\$131,175.93**  
total fundraised dollars

**1327**  
hours given by volunteers



We are a very fortunate community to have this library!

# Highlights of 2024

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## PREPARING FOR THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

In March, LPPL coordinated distribution of solar eclipse glasses for all libraries across Niagara, in partnership with Niagara Region. LPPL distributed more than 1,000 pairs of glasses and encouraged donations of toiletries toward Start Me Up Niagara.



## NEW SERVICE: THE MEMORY LAB

In April, a new Memory Lab was launched at the Rittenhouse Branch. This dedicated space provides free access to specialized equipment for preserving and digitizing photos and videos. *Thanks to the Rittenhouse Trust for funding this new community space.*



## BABY'S FIRST BOOK INITIATIVE

In June, LPPL started the Baby's First Book initiative, which provides a free board book to every baby born at West Lincoln Memorial Hospital. This ongoing initiative is in partnership with Grimsby Public Library, West Lincoln Public Library, and the West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation, with funding from the Niagara Community Foundation.

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## **NEW PARTNERSHIP:**

### **THE MIGRANT FARMWORKERS PROJECT**

In 2024, LPPL provided spaces for migrant workers to access community services and enjoy social activities. “The Hub” was a weekly gathering in Fenwick. Plaza Comunitaria is a new initiative in Beamsville which provides workers the opportunity to complete their education online using library computers and WiFi.



## **SUMMER READING CLUB**

During July and August, 858 kids registered for summer reading, almost double the previous year. With a theme of “To the Stars,” kids participated in space-themed programs and set their own reading goals. Teens and adults also participated in reading challenges for a chance to win prizes.



## **EXPANDING OUTREACH**

Throughout the year, library staff expanded outreach activities to local senior residences, including Albright Manor, Lookout Ridge, The Jacob, and United Mennonite Home. Programs include Intergenerational Story Times, Listen and Learn, Short Story Book Club, tech support, and book loans.



## **ACHIEVING ACCREDITATION**

In December, LPPL received provincial accreditation by meeting guidelines set out by the Ontario Public Library Guidelines Monitoring and Accreditation Council. Accreditation is valid for a period of 5 years, until December 2029.



# Grants and Community Support

## Niagara Community Foundation David S. Howes Grant

\$33,000 toward bookmobile

### In Memory of Mary Powley (former president, Pelham Art Association)

\$30,000 from the Pelham Art Association

\$573.12 by individuals: Wendy Ozog, Donna Clare, Gertrude & Marcel Caron, Mary Lou Campbell, Tanner Superka, Mark Mansfield, Diane Little, James H. Gadsby, Barbara Birkette, Lloyd Burghart, Shirley and Fred Korineki

### Books on the Bench Author Series

\$17,955 raised at four events featuring Jennifer Robson, Kate Quinn Historical Fiction Author Panel, Linwood Barclay, and Amanda Peters

*Thanks to our supporters: The Jacob Senior Living, Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc, Jarod Brandon, Chartwell Retirement Residences: The Orchards, Vieni Estates, London Born Wine Co, and Fielding Estate Winery .*

### GivingTuesday

\$16,428.80 received from individuals toward the retrofitting of the bookmobile

### Pelham Art Festival

\$10,000 toward future capital projects

### Fleming Foundation

\$9,983 toward library programs and services

### Summer Reading

\$3,570 received in sponsorship from Kiwanis Club of Welland, Ontario Power Generation, and Beamsville Women's Institute.

### Niagara Community Foundation

\$1,500 toward Baby's First Book

\$1000 designated for Digital Access and Technology by an anonymous donor

#### For Fundraising inquiries, contact:

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Fund Development and Volunteer Coordinator  
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Thanks to additional support:

\$550 *The Voice of Pelham*  
\$500 Fonthill Lionettes  
\$350 art commission  
\$250 Fenwick Lionettes

# 2024 Financials

## Revenue

Municipal Grant \$2,175,048  
Provincial Operating Grant  
\$83,468  
Fees, Fines, Rentals \$31,651  
Fundraising \$15,416  
DC Funds \$84,840

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**\$2,390,423**

## Expenditures

Staffing Costs \$2,038,456  
Materials & Processing \$162,950  
Administration \$71,949  
Telephone & Internet \$36,777  
Programs & Promotion \$10,935  
Automated Systems & Software Support \$62,932  
Transfer to Capital Reserve \$6,423

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I am very thankful for the wonderful people who make us feel welcome every time we come to the library!

# Staff and Board

## Library Management

Julie Andrews, Chief Executive Officer  
Amy Guilmette, Director of Customer Experience  
Susan DiBattista, Director of Community Engagement  
Jo-Anne Teeuwsen, Manager of IT & Technical Services

## 2024 - 2027 Library Board

Donna Burton (Chair)	Linda Roote
Nicole Nolan (Vice Chair)	Terry Teather
Councillor Mike Mikolic	Jayne Toms
Councillor Shellee Niznik	Lathie Vannabouathong
Andrew Colgoni	Stephanie Xamin
Ruth Gretsinger	

# 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

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*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.*