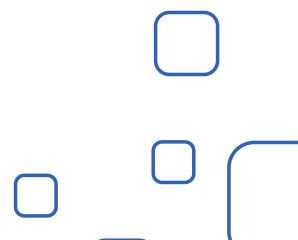


# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



# Our Mission, Vision, and Values

## Our Mission

The County of Brant Public Library cultivates inclusivity and empowers lifelong learning.

## Our Vision

Explore Today. Navigate Tomorrow.

## Our Values

Community innovation | Equitable access | Client-centred service | Cooperation  
Respect | Service team excellence | Intellectual freedom

## 2024 Library Board

Fred Gladding, **Chair**  
Marilyn Sewell, **Vice-Chair**  
David Bailey  
Kari Raymer Bishop  
Paula Chorpitta  
Nathan Etherington

Mike Gatopoulos  
Amanda Henderson  
Steve Howes  
Jennifer Kyle  
Kelly Bernstein, **CEO, Secretary/Treasurer**

## A Letter from the Board

It is always a pleasure to reflect on the year behind us, and what a year it has been for the County of Brant Public Library. From receiving provincial recognition with the Angus Mowat Award of Excellence to celebrating the longstanding service of our dedicated staff, 2024 was a year of both honour and heart. These milestones speak to the passion, innovation, and commitment that drive our library every day.

As Brant County continues to evolve, so too does your library. In 2025, we will begin important studies to explore the next chapter for our main branch, with the goal of identifying a new space that can meet the growing and changing needs of our community. Our Board remains deeply committed to supporting the future of Brant County with thoughtful planning and vision.

Whether you're visiting in person or exploring our services online, we thank you for making the library part of your life. We can't wait to welcome you through our doors—wherever they may be next.

**- Fred Gladding, Library Board Chair**







# 2024 by the Numbers

## In-Person Visits

**118,635**

A **26%** increase  
from 2023

## New Library Cards

**15%**

Increase from 2023

## Social Interactions

**690,143**

Online Impressions on  
Facebook and  
Instagram

Our patrons  
saved  
**\$5,620,711.28\***  
using the  
library!

That is an  
average of  
**\$19.23\*** for  
every item  
borrowed!



**\*Based on 2024 usage statistics.**

# Programs & Events

**6,609** patrons participated in over 700 library events **including:**

FanFest, One Book One Brant, author readings, interactive workshops, and live performances!



## Early Literacy

**22,065** younger patrons read, sang, and enjoyed entertaining children's programs **including:**

Let's Get Ready for Kindergarten, Storytime, drop-in programs, and beyond!




Our staff made **433** visits to local schools to promote early literacy!



# Social Impact 2024

\*View the full Social Impact Report at [brantlibrary.ca/economicimpact](https://brantlibrary.ca/economicimpact)



CBPL Generated  
**\$15,659,046\***  
in community  
value.

That's **\$396.69\***  
back in your  
pocket just for  
using the library.

Every **\$1** invested in the  
library returns **\$6.37** in  
community value.

## Bridging the Digital Divide



**17,586**

Wi-Fi Uses



**4,895**

Computer Uses



**46% ↑**

Gear & Gadget items  
borrowed since 2023

The County of Brant Public Library provides free access to computers, Wi-Fi, and current tech of all kinds.



# Achievements



We were honoured to receive the prestigious **Angus Mowat Award for Excellence in Library Service** from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Gaming. (Left)

We also celebrated staff who reached long-service milestones. We are grateful for their dedication.



Zeta Phillipio



Karen Scott



Ann Taylor

## Kind Words From Our Patrons

“ —

I am 69 years old and just found out about all the things that the library has to offer and have been enjoying taking different classes and sessions with the library.

“ —

"Thanks for all you guys do. Without library programs I feel like I would never get out of the house without my children.

“ —

All the staff are wonderful! Thank you!

# About the Library

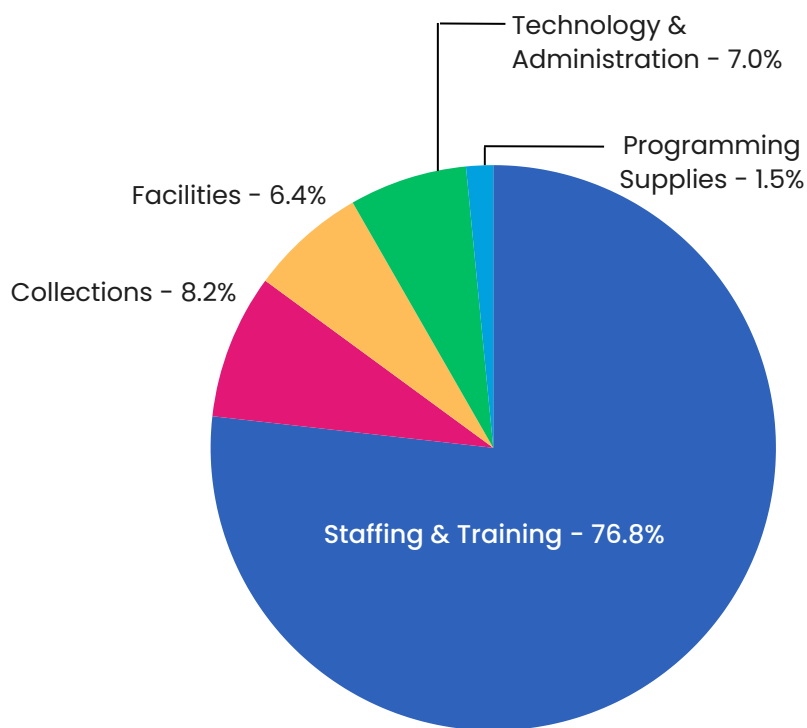
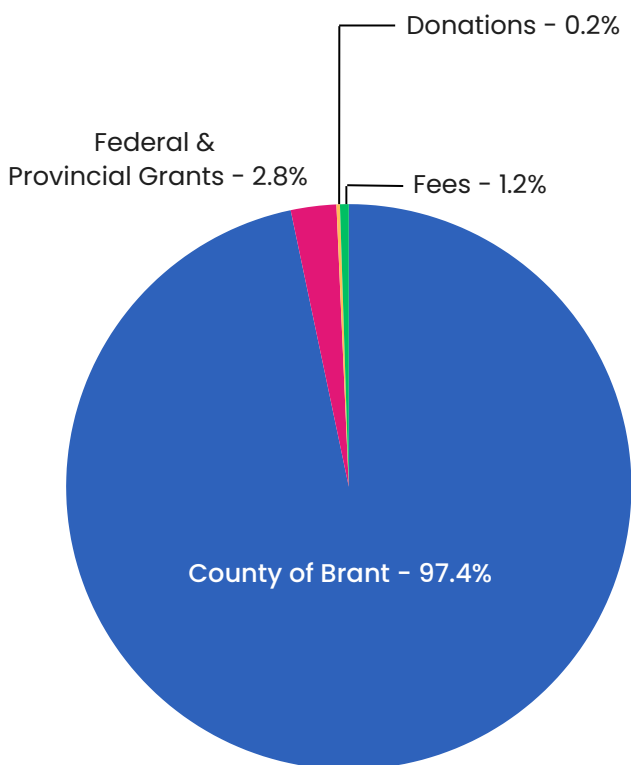
We are committed to cultivating a lifelong love of reading and celebrating a growing, diverse community.

We connect Brant County residents with information and services that inspire and support personal and community success.

## STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2022-2025

1. Foster creativity and innovation.
2. Promote diversity, equity, and inclusion.
3. Provide exemplary customer service.
4. Optimize the use of facilities.
5. Build organizational capacity.

## Revenues & Expenditures



\*2024 Operating Budget

## CONNECT WITH US

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[brantlibrary.ca](http://brantlibrary.ca)



## LOCATIONS

### Paris Branch

12 William Street, Paris

519-442-2433

### Burford Branch

24 Park Avenue, Burford

519-449-5371

### Glen Morris Branch

474 East River Road, Glen Morris

519-740-2122

### Onondaga Mobile Weekly Service

Thursdays, 4-7 PM and 24/7 lending Kiosk

734 Highway 54, Onondaga

519-442-2433

### Scotland-Oakland Branch

281 Oakland Road, Scotland

519-446-0181

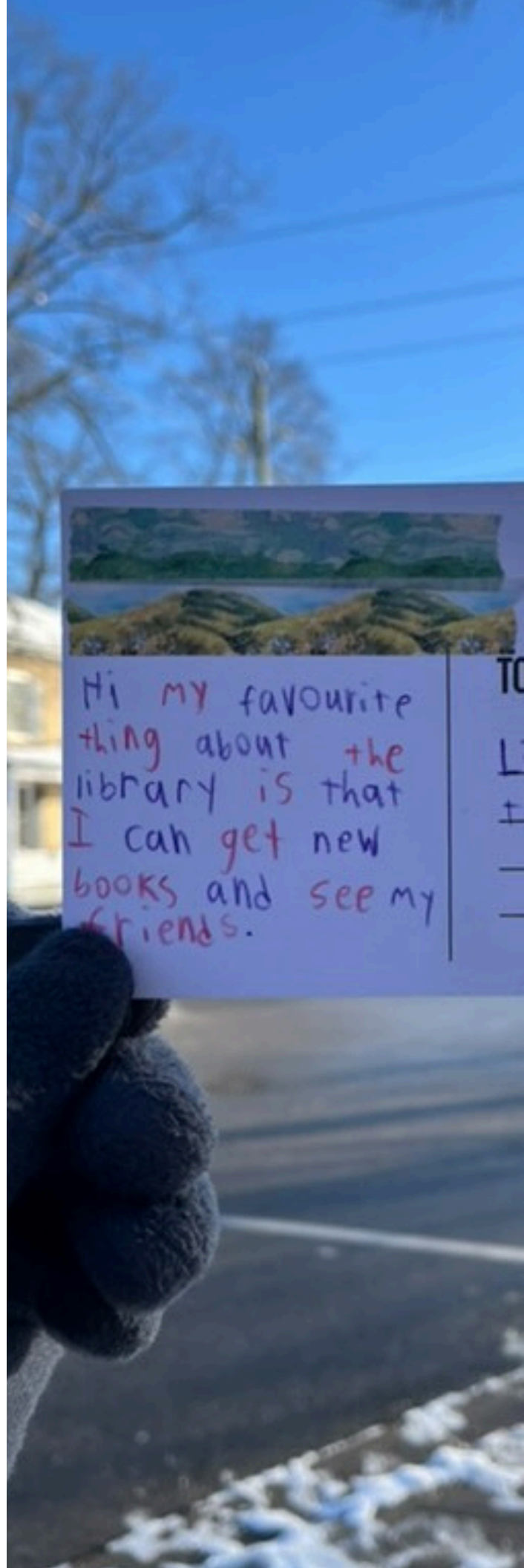
### St. George Branch

78 Main Street North, St. George

519-448-1300



**Public Library**



Hi my favourite  
thing about the  
library is that  
I can get new  
books and see my  
friends.