

# 2022 Annual Report





# 2022–2026 LIBRARY BOARD

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\*2018–2022 Library Board

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

*2022 has been a year of restoration, consolidation, and anticipation for our County of Brant Public Library. It was a year that will be remembered as pivotal; a year where our library positioned itself to ensure our ability to serve into the 21st century.*



*After the challenges of the pandemic, 2022 was a year that allowed a return to the more familiar in-person library services and programs. Our staff happily welcomed back patrons. Circulation of materials and access to online resources have returned to pre-pandemic levels. Your public library is meeting significant needs for the residents of Brant County and is greatly appreciated.*

*In 2022 the library board adopted a new Strategic Plan. It charts our path forward with commitments to foster creativity and innovation, to promote and preserve our culture of diversity where everyone feels that they belong, to provide excellent service, and to optimize the use of our facilities.*

*Looking forward to 2023, we are building on these foundations to plan for a new main branch library. A new library facility that we hope everyone in the County of Brant will value and visit regularly.*

*All of this is only possible with the strong support of our patrons, residents, and our Mayor and Council. Thank you for your continuing participation, and appreciation for, your County of Brant Public Library.*

– Fred Gladding, Library Board Chair





# 2022 IN NUMBERS



**80,485**

IN-PERSON VISITORS  
A **142%** increase from 2021!



**1,655**

NEW LIBRARY MEMBERS  
A **56%** increase from 2021



**241,958**

ITEMS CHECKED OUT  
A **26%** increase from 2021



**2,396**

VISITING BOOKS DELIVERED  
Volunteers made **648** deliveries in 2022



**840,143**

ONLINE VISITORS  
A **41%** increase from 2019,  
exceeding pre-pandemic levels!



**997,126**

SOCIAL INTERACTIONS  
A **94%** increase from 2021



**22,688**

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE  
A **12%** increase from 2021



**394**

VISITS TO LOCAL  
SCHOOLS AND CAMPS





# SUPPORTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

## Through Cultural Events

### Celebrating Black History Month

*Celebrating Black Inventors & Innovators*  
with Nikki Clarke

### Truth & Reconciliation

*Understanding the Truth & Finding the Road to Reconciliation* with Dr. David Anderson

*2022 One Book, One Brant* official selection:  
*Black Water* by David A. Robertson

*Phyllis's Orange Shirt* - Featured  
Storybook Walk in County parks

### Pride Month

*Pride Month Celebration* - All-ages  
drop-in event at the Burford Branch

*Worm Loves Worm* - Featured  
Storybook Walk in County parks



## Spotlight: Sensory Storytime

In partnership with Kids Can Fly, and with funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, we developed Sensory Storytime, a unique program featuring stories, open-playtime with sensory toys, and small group sizes.

### Autism Toolkits

In 2022, we added four Autism Toolkit Backpacks to our collection, including kits for visual learning, play, stimulation, and communication.



## BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE



10,804

Wi-Fi usage



3,012

computer usage



200+

iPads & Launchpads  
borrowed





## SUPPORTING LITERACY



### Supporting a Love of Reading & Early Literacy Skills

Library reading clubs and literacy challenges encourage children to discover a love of reading.

They are essential in the summertime and prevent the loss of learning skills during the break from school.



**722**

reading club  
members



**363,908**

minutes of  
reading logged



**27,633**

picture books  
borrowed



**1500+**

reading prizes  
claimed

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

From establishing a new library service point to hosting historical walking tours and game nights, we brought the Library to you in 2022!

### Official Grand Opening of Onondaga Library Service



### Partnership Spotlight: Guitar Society of Brantford





## ABOUT THE LIBRARY

### Our Vision

Explore today, navigate tomorrow.

### Our Mission

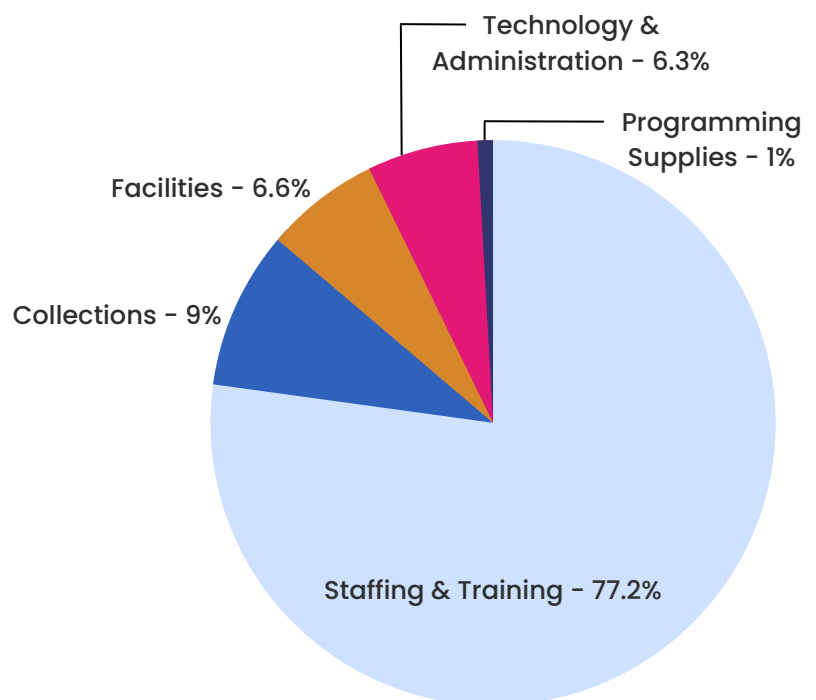
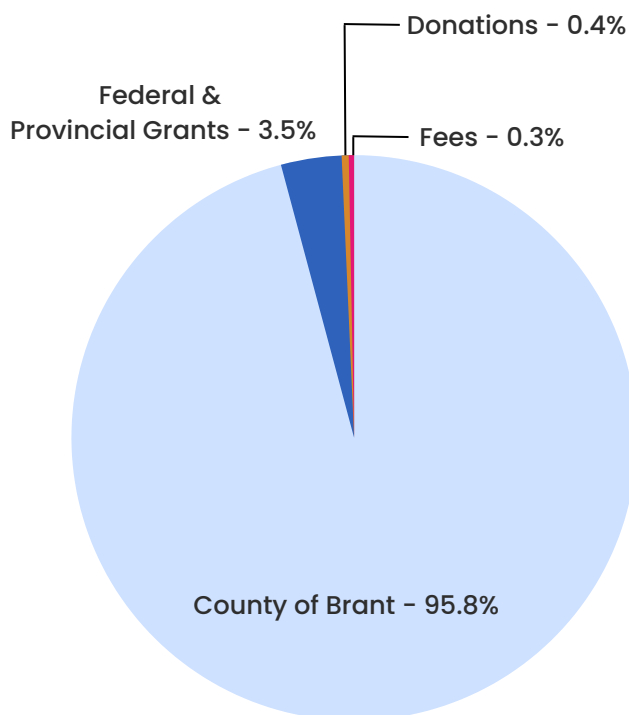
The County of Brant Public Library cultivates inclusivity and empowers lifelong learning.

### Our Values

- Community innovation & development
- Client-centred service
- Equitable access
- Service team excellence
- Intellectual freedom
- Cooperation & respect



## 2022 REVENUES & EXPENDITURES\*



\*2022 Operating Budget



# RAVE REVIEWS



The Library made a big impact on residents in 2022!

"You are doing such incredible things!"  
-Erin

"Lovely to feel connected to Brant Public Library and my community."  
-Jennifer

"Such friendly staff at the Library!  
Well done!"  
-Sara

"We love our Burford Library so much!"  
-Katie

"Took some time today to discover some new info I received from @brantlibrary and their gears and gadgets inventory. WOW!!!! I put a hold on a few of my favourites. We are looking forward to using these items."  
-Mr. Mendoza

"I always feel like I'm coming to my second home at the Paris Children's library."  
-Erika

"I love all the extras the library has. It's not just borrowing books, its being welcomed into a community."  
-Meaghan

"I recommend joining the Library to anyone who will listen!"  
-Susan

"Those who run the programs... can't say enough... beautiful souls. Courteous and happy people always brighten the day at the counter and are never too busy to help."  
-Janet

"My children have had a time of their lives just looking through the available collection in the library since they arrived in September 2022. The collection is absolutely amazing and overwhelming. The staff are ever smiling and willing to help. I guess there is a certain joy you feel when surrounded by books...Thank you to the entire team; for all you do."  
-Modupe

"When I look at the price on the back cover of books, I'm amazed - and always will be - that I can read that book for free. To sum it up: I love the library!!!"  
-Valerie



## CONNECT WITH US

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## 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 Library Service

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

